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**FORM 10-K**

☒ Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the fiscal year ended **September 29, 2018**

☐ Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_



the Tyson Foods family of brands

**001-14704**  
(Commission File Number)

**TYSON FOODS, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**71-0225165**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**2200 West Don Tyson Parkway, Springdale, Arkansas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**72762-6999**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**

**(479) 290-4000**

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of Each Class**  
Class A Common Stock, Par Value \$0.10

**Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered**  
New York Stock Exchange

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Not Applicable

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Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of October 27, 2018 .

Class	Outstanding Shares
Class A Common Stock, \$0.10 Par Value (Class A stock)	295,101,105
Class B Common Stock, \$0.10 Par Value (Class B stock)	70,010,355

On March 31, 2018 , the aggregate market value of the registrant's Class A Common Stock, \$0.10 par value (Class A stock), and Class B Common Stock, \$0.10 par value (Class B stock), held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$21,333,435,984 and \$757,882 , respectively. Class B stock is not publicly listed for trade on any exchange or market system. However, Class B stock is convertible into Class A stock on a share-for-share basis, so the market value was calculated based on the market price of Class A stock.

## INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the registrant's Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held February 7, 2019 , are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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## PART I

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

#### GENERAL

Tyson Foods, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our,” “Tyson Foods” or “Tyson”) (NYSE: TSN) is one of the world’s largest food companies and a recognized leader in protein. Founded in 1935 by John W. Tyson and grown under three generations of family leadership, the Company has a broad portfolio of products and brands like Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells®, ibp® and State Fair®. Tyson Foods innovates continually to make protein more sustainable, tailor food for everywhere it’s available and raise the world’s expectations for how much good food can do. Headquartered in Springdale, Arkansas, the Company had approximately 121,000 team members on September 29, 2018. Through its Core Values, Tyson Foods is a company of people engaged in the production of food, seeking to pursue trust and integrity, and committed to creating value for our shareholders, our customers, our team members, and our communities. We strive to be honorable and operate with integrity, be faith-friendly and inclusive, serve as stewards of the resources entrusted to us, and provide a safe work environment. Some of the key factors influencing our business are customer demand for our products; the ability to maintain and grow relationships with customers and introduce new and innovative products to the marketplace; accessibility of international markets; market prices for our products; the cost and availability of live cattle and hogs, raw materials and feed ingredients; and operating efficiencies of our facilities.

We operate a fully vertically-integrated chicken production process with the majority of our production certified as no antibiotic ever (sometimes referred to as “NAE”). Our integrated operations consist of breeding stock, contract growers, feed production, processing, further-processing, marketing and transportation of chicken and related allied products, including animal and pet food ingredients. Through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Cobb-Vantress, Inc., we are one of the leading poultry breeding stock suppliers in the world. Investing in breeding stock research and development allows us to breed into our flocks the characteristics found to be most desirable.

We also process live fed cattle and hogs and fabricate dressed beef and pork carcasses into primal and sub-primal meat cuts, case ready beef and pork and fully-cooked meats. In addition, we derive value from allied products such as hides and variety meats sold to further processors and others.

We produce a wide range of fresh, value-added, frozen and refrigerated food products. Our products are marketed and sold primarily by our sales staff to grocery retailers, grocery wholesalers, meat distributors, warehouse club stores, military commissaries, industrial food processing companies, chain restaurants or their distributors, live markets, international export companies and domestic distributors who serve restaurants, foodservice operations such as plant and school cafeterias, convenience stores, hospitals and other vendors. Additionally, sales to the military and a portion of sales to international markets are made through independent brokers and trading companies.

In fiscal 2017, we acquired and consolidated AdvancePierre Foods Holdings, Inc. (“AdvancePierre”), a producer and distributor of value-added, convenient, ready-to-eat sandwiches, sandwich components and other entrées and snacks, and in fiscal 2018, we acquired Original Philly Holdings, Inc. (“Original Philly”), a valued added protein business. The results from operations of these businesses are included in the Prepared Foods and Chicken segments. In fiscal 2018, we acquired Tecumseh Poultry, LLC (“Tecumseh”), a vertically integrated value-added protein business, and the assets of American Proteins, Inc. and AMPRO Products, Inc. (“American Proteins”), a poultry rendering and blending operation, as part of our strategic expansion and sustainability initiatives. The results from operations of these businesses are included in our Chicken segment. For further description of these transactions, refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

In fiscal 2018, we completed the sale of four non-protein businesses as part of our strategic focus on protein brands. All of these businesses were part of our Prepared Foods segment and included Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery, Kettle, Van’s®, and TNT Crust and produced items such as frozen desserts, waffles, snack bars, soups, sauces, sides and pizza crusts. The sales included the Chef Pierre®, Bistro Collection®, Kettle Collection™, and Van’s® brands, a license to use the Sara Lee® brand in various channels, as well as our Tarboro, North Carolina, Fort Worth, Texas, Traverse City, Michigan, and Green Bay, Wisconsin prepared foods facilities. For further description of these transactions, refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

As part of our commitment to innovation and growth, in fiscal 2017 we launched a venture capital fund focused on investing in companies developing breakthrough technologies, business models and products to sustainably feed a growing world population. The Tyson New Ventures LLC fund is used to broaden our exposure to innovative, new forms of protein and ways of sustainably producing food to complement the Company’s continuing investments in innovation in our core Beef, Pork, Chicken and Prepared Foods businesses.

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF SEGMENTS

We operate in four reportable segments: Beef, Pork, Chicken and Prepared Foods. Other primarily includes our foreign chicken production operations in China, third-party merger and integration costs and corporate overhead related to Tyson New Ventures, LLC.

The contribution of each segment to net sales and operating income (loss), and the identifiable assets attributable to each segment, are set forth in Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 17: Segment Reporting.

## DESCRIPTION OF SEGMENTS

**Beef:** Beef includes our operations related to processing live fed cattle and fabricating dressed beef carcasses into primal and sub-primal meat cuts and case-ready products. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international export markets. This segment also includes sales from allied products such as hides and variety meats, as well as logistics operations to move products through the supply chain.

**Pork:** Pork includes our operations related to processing live market hogs and fabricating pork carcasses into primal and sub-primal cuts and case-ready products. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international export markets. This segment also includes our live swine group, related allied product processing activities and logistics operations to move products through the supply chain.

**Chicken:** Chicken includes our domestic operations related to raising and processing live chickens into, and purchasing raw materials for, fresh, frozen and value-added chicken products, as well as sales from allied products. Our value-added chicken products primarily include breaded chicken strips, nuggets, patties and other ready-to-fix or fully cooked chicken parts. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, convenience stores, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international export markets. This segment also includes logistics operations to move products through our domestic supply chain and the global operations of our chicken breeding stock subsidiary.

**Prepared Foods:** Prepared Foods includes our operations related to manufacturing and marketing frozen and refrigerated food products and logistics operations to move products through the supply chain. This segment includes brands such as Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, State Fair®, as well as artisanal brands Aidells®, Gallo Salame®, and Golden Island®. Products primarily include ready-to-eat sandwiches, sandwich components such as flame-grilled hamburgers and Philly steaks, pepperoni, bacon, breakfast sausage, turkey, lunchmeat, hot dogs, flour and corn tortilla products, appetizers, snacks, prepared meals, ethnic foods, side dishes, meat dishes, breadsticks and processed meats. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, convenience stores, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international export markets.

## RAW MATERIALS AND SOURCES OF SUPPLY

**Beef:** The primary raw materials used in our beef operations are live cattle. We do not have facilities of our own to raise cattle but employ cattle buyers located throughout cattle producing areas who visit independent feed yards and public auctions and buy live cattle on the open spot market. These buyers are trained to select high quality animals, and we continually measure their performance. We also enter into various risk-sharing and procurement arrangements with producers to secure a supply of livestock for our facilities. Although we generally expect adequate supply of live cattle in the regions we operate, there may be periods of imbalance in supply and demand.

**Pork:** The primary raw materials used in our pork operations are live hogs. The majority of our live hog supply is obtained through various procurement relationships with independent producers. We employ hog buyers who make purchase agreements of various time durations as well as purchase hogs on a daily basis, generally a few days before the animals are processed. These buyers are trained to select high quality animals, and we continually measure their performance. We believe the supply of live hogs is adequate for our present needs. Additionally, we raise a small number of weanling swine to sell to independent finishers and supply a minimal amount of market hogs and live swine for our own processing needs. Although we generally expect adequate supply of live hogs in the regions we operate, there may be periods of imbalance in supply and demand.

**Chicken:** The primary raw materials used in our domestic chicken operations are corn and soybean meal used as feed and live chickens raised primarily by independent contract growers. Our vertically-integrated chicken process begins with the grandparent breeder flocks and ends with broilers for processing. Breeder flocks (i.e., grandparents) are raised to maturity in grandparent growing and laying farms where fertile eggs are produced. Fertile eggs are incubated at the grandparent hatchery and produce pullets (i.e., parents). Pullets are sent to breeder houses, and the resulting eggs are sent to our hatcheries. Once chicks have hatched, they are sent to broiler farms. There, contract growers care for and raise the chicks according to our standards, with advice from our technical service personnel, until the broilers reach the desired processing weight. Adult chickens are transported to processing plants where they are harvested and converted into finished products, which are then sent to distribution centers and delivered to customers.

We operate feed mills to produce scientifically-formulated feeds. In fiscal 2018, corn, soybean meal and other feed ingredients were major production costs, representing roughly 56% of our cost of growing a live chicken domestically. In addition to feed ingredients to grow the chickens, we use cooking ingredients, packaging materials and cryogenic agents. We believe our sources of supply for these materials are adequate for our present needs, and we do not anticipate any difficulty in acquiring these materials in the future.

While we produce nearly all our inventory of breeder chickens and live broilers, we also purchase ice-packed or deboned chicken to meet production and sales requirements.

**Prepared Foods:** The primary raw materials used in our prepared foods operations are commodity based raw materials, including beef, pork, chicken, turkey, corn, flour, vegetables, bread, breading, cheese, eggs, seasonings, and other cooking ingredients. Some of these raw materials are provided by our other segments, while others may be purchased from numerous suppliers and manufacturers. We believe the sources of supply of raw materials are adequate for our present needs.

#### **SEASONAL DEMAND**

Demand for beef, chicken and certain prepared foods products, such as hot dogs and smoked sausage, generally increases during the spring and summer months and generally decreases during the winter months. Pork and certain other prepared foods products, such as prepared meals, meat dishes, appetizers and breakfast sausage, generally experience increased demand during the winter months, primarily due to the holiday season, while demand generally decreases during the spring and summer months.

#### **CUSTOMERS**

Walmart Inc. accounted for 17.3% of our fiscal 2018 consolidated sales. Sales to Walmart Inc. were included in all of our segments. Any extended discontinuance of sales to this customer could, if not replaced, have a material impact on our operations. No other single customer or customer group represented more than 10% of fiscal 2018 consolidated sales.

#### **COMPETITION**

Our food products compete with those of other food producers and processors and certain prepared food manufacturers. Additionally, our food products compete in markets around the world.

We seek to achieve a leading market position for our products via our principal marketing and competitive strategy, which includes:

- identifying target markets for value-added products;
- concentrating production, sales and marketing efforts to appeal to and enhance demand from those markets; and
- utilizing our national distribution systems and customer support services.

Past efforts indicate customer demand can be increased and sustained through application of our marketing strategy, as supported by our distribution systems. The principal competitive elements are price, product safety and quality, brand identification, innovation, breadth and depth of product offerings, availability of products, customer service and credit terms.

#### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

We sold products in approximately 125 countries in fiscal 2018 . Major sales markets include Canada, Central America, China, the European Union, Japan, Mexico, the Middle East, South Korea and Taiwan.

We have the following foreign operations:

- Cobb-Vantress, a chicken breeding stock subsidiary, has business interests in Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.
- Tyson Rizhao, located in Rizhao, China, is a vertically-integrated chicken production operation.
- Tyson Dalong, a joint venture in China in which we have a majority interest, is a chicken further-processing facility.
- Tyson Nantong, located in Nantong, China, is a vertically-integrated chicken production operation.
- Godrej Tyson Foods, a joint venture in India in which we have a minority interest, is primarily a chicken processing business.
- Tyson Mexico Trading Company, a Mexican subsidiary, sells chicken products primarily through our U.S. operations and co-packer arrangements.

We continue to evaluate growth opportunities in foreign countries. Additional information regarding export sales and long-lived assets located in foreign countries is set forth in Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 17: Segment Reporting.

#### **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

We conduct continuous research and development activities to improve product development, to automate manual processes in our processing plants and grow-out operations, and to improve chicken breeding stock. With regards to our food products we have two research and development locations, our Discovery Center in Springdale, Arkansas, and an Innovation Center located in Downers Grove, Illinois. The centers include more than 80,000 square feet of United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") pilot plant space, two consumer sensory and focus group areas, two packaging labs and 25 research kitchens. The centers enable us to bring new market-leading retail and foodservice products to the customer quickly and efficiently. Research and development costs totaled \$114 million , \$113 million , and \$96 million in fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND FOOD SAFETY**

Our facilities for processing beef, pork, chicken, turkey and prepared foods, milling feed and housing live chickens and swine are subject to a variety of international, federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, which include provisions relating to the discharge of materials into the environment and generally provide for protection of the environment.

We believe we are in substantial compliance with such applicable laws and regulations and are not aware of any violations of such laws and regulations likely to result in material penalties or material increases in compliance costs. The cost of compliance with such laws and regulations has not had a material adverse effect on our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position, and except as described below, is not anticipated to have a material adverse effect in the future.

Congress, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and some states continue to consider various options to control greenhouse gas emissions. It is unclear at this time what options, if any, will be finalized, and whether such options would have a direct impact on the Company. Due to continuing uncertainty surrounding this issue, it is premature to speculate on the specific nature of impacts that imposition of greenhouse gas emission controls would have on us and whether such impacts would have a material adverse effect.

We work to ensure our products meet high standards of food safety and quality. In addition to our own internal Food Safety and Quality Assurance oversight and review, our beef, pork, chicken, and prepared foods products are subject to inspection prior to distribution, primarily by the USDA and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We are also participants in the USDA's HACCP program or FDA's HARPC program as applicable and are subject to the Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures and the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. Additionally, our foreign operations are subject to various other food safety and quality assurance oversight and review.

#### **EMPLOYEES AND LABOR RELATIONS**

As of September 29, 2018, we employed approximately 121,000 employees. Approximately 116,000 employees were employed in the United States, and 5,000 employees were employed in foreign countries, primarily in China. Approximately 30,000 employees in the United States were subject to collective bargaining agreements with various labor unions, with approximately 7% of those employees at locations either under negotiation for contract renewal or included under agreements expiring in fiscal 2019. The remaining agreements expire over the next several years. Approximately 3,000 employees in foreign countries were subject to collective bargaining agreements. We believe our overall relations with our workforce are good.

#### **MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION**

Our principal marketing objective is to be the preferred provider of beef, pork, chicken, and prepared foods products for our customers and consumers. We build the Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells®, ibp® and State Fair® brands while supporting strong regional and emerging brands primarily through well-defined, product-specific advertising, marketing, and public relations efforts focused toward key consumer targets with specific needs. We identify growth and business opportunities through consumer and customer insights derived via leading research and analytic capabilities. We utilize our national distribution system and customer support services to achieve the leading market position for our products and brands.

We have the ability to produce and ship fresh, frozen and refrigerated products worldwide. Domestically, our distribution system extends to a broad network of food distributors and is supported by our owned or leased cold storage warehouses, public cold storage facilities and our transportation system. Our distribution centers accumulate fresh and frozen products so we can fill and consolidate partial-truckload orders into full truckloads, thereby decreasing shipping costs while increasing customer service. In addition, we provide our customers a wide selection of products that do not require large volume orders. Our distribution system enables us to supply large or small quantities of products to meet customer requirements anywhere in the continental United States. Internationally, we utilize both rail and truck refrigerated transportation to domestic ports, where consolidations take place to transport to foreign destinations.

#### **PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS**

We have filed a number of patent applications relating to our processes and products that either have been approved or are in the process of review. Because we do a significant amount of brand name and product line advertising to promote our products, we consider the protection of our trademarks to be important to our marketing efforts and have registered and applied for the registration of a number of trademarks. We also have developed non-public proprietary information regarding our production processes and other product-related matters. We utilize internal procedures and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of such information and, where appropriate, seek patent and/or other protection for the technology we utilize.

#### **INDUSTRY PRACTICES**

Our agreements with customers are generally short-term, primarily due to the nature of our products, industry practices and fluctuations in supply, demand and price for such products. In certain instances where we are selling further processed products to large customers, we may enter into written agreements whereby we will act as the exclusive or preferred supplier to the customer, with pricing terms that are either fixed or variable.

## **AVAILABILITY OF SEC FILINGS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS ON INTERNET WEBSITE**

We maintain an internet website for investors at <http://ir.tyson.com>. On this website, we make available, free of charge, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) reports, and all amendments to any of those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such reports with, or furnish such reports to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. Also available on the website for investors are the Corporate Governance Principles, Audit Committee charter, Compensation and Leadership Development Committee charter, Governance and Nominating Committee charter, Strategy and Acquisitions Committee charter, Code of Conduct and Whistleblower Policy. Our corporate governance documents are available in print, free of charge to any shareholder who requests them.

## **CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS RELEVANT TO FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF “SAFE HARBOR” PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995**

Certain information in this report constitutes forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, current views and estimates of our outlook for fiscal 2019, other future economic circumstances, industry conditions in domestic and international markets, our performance and financial results (e.g., debt levels, return on invested capital, value-added product growth, capital expenditures, tax rates, access to foreign markets and dividend policy). These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause our actual results and experiences to differ materially from anticipated results and expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements. We wish to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Among the factors that may cause actual results and experiences to differ from anticipated results and expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are the following: (i) fluctuations in the cost and availability of inputs and raw materials, such as live cattle, live swine, feed grains (including corn and soybean meal) and energy; (ii) market conditions for finished products, including competition from other global and domestic food processors, supply and pricing of competing products and alternative proteins and demand for alternative proteins; (iii) outbreak of a livestock disease (such as avian influenza (AI) or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)), which could have an adverse effect on livestock we own, the availability of livestock we purchase, consumer perception of certain protein products or our ability to access certain domestic and foreign markets; (iv) the integration of acquisitions; (v) the effectiveness of our financial fitness program; (vi) the implementation of an enterprise resource planning system; (vii) access to foreign markets together with foreign economic conditions, including currency fluctuations, import/export restrictions and foreign politics; (viii) changes in availability and relative costs of labor and contract growers and our ability to maintain good relationships with employees, labor unions, contract growers and independent producers providing us livestock; (ix) issues related to food safety, including costs resulting from product recalls, regulatory compliance and any related claims or litigation; (x) changes in consumer preference and diets and our ability to identify and react to consumer trends; (xi) effectiveness of advertising and marketing programs; (xii) our ability to leverage brand value propositions; (xiii) risks associated with leverage, including cost increases due to rising interest rates or changes in debt ratings or outlook; (xiv) impairment in the carrying value of our goodwill or indefinite life intangible assets; (xv) compliance with and changes to regulations and laws (both domestic and foreign), including changes in accounting standards, tax laws, environmental laws, agricultural laws and occupational, health and safety laws; (xvi) adverse results from litigation; (xvii) cyber incidents, security breaches or other disruptions of our information technology systems; (xviii) our ability to make effective acquisitions or joint ventures and successfully integrate newly acquired businesses into existing operations; (xix) risks associated with our commodity purchasing activities; (xx) the effect of, or changes in, general economic conditions; (xxi) significant marketing plan changes by large customers or loss of one or more large customers; (xxii) impacts on our operations caused by factors and forces beyond our control, such as natural disasters, fire, bioterrorism, pandemics or extreme weather; (xxiii) failure to maximize or assert our intellectual property rights; (xxiv) our participation in a multiemployer pension plan; (xxv) the Tyson Limited Partnership’s ability to exercise significant control over the Company; (xxvi) effects related to changes in tax rates, valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities, or tax laws and their interpretation; (xxvii) volatility in capital markets or interest rates; (xxviii) impacts or disruptions associated with the announcement and pendency of the acquisition of Keystone Foods; (xxix) the successful acquisition of Keystone Foods; (xxx) risks associated with our failure to integrate Keystone Foods’ operations or to realize the targeted cost savings, revenues and other benefits of the acquisition; and (xxxi) those factors listed under Item 1A. “Risk Factors.”

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

These risks, which should be considered carefully with the information provided elsewhere in this report, could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

### **Fluctuations in commodity prices and in the availability of raw materials, especially feed grains, live cattle, live swine and other inputs could negatively impact our earnings.**

Our results of operations and financial condition, as well as the selling prices for our products, are dependent upon the cost and supply of commodities and raw materials such as beef, pork, poultry, corn, soybean, packaging materials and energy and, to a lesser extent, cheese, fruit, seasoning blends, flour, corn syrup, corn oils, butter and sugar. Corn, soybean meal and other feed ingredients, for instance, represented roughly 56% of our cost of growing a live chicken in fiscal 2018 .

Production and pricing of these commodities are determined by constantly changing market forces of supply and demand over which we have limited or no control. Such factors include, among other things, weather patterns throughout the world, outbreaks of disease, the global level of supply inventories and demand for grains and other feed ingredients, as well as agricultural and energy policies of domestic and foreign governments.

Volatility in our commodity and raw material costs directly impact our gross margin and profitability. The Company's objective is to offset commodity price increases with pricing actions over time. However, we may not be able to increase our product prices enough to sufficiently offset increased raw material costs due to consumer price sensitivity or the pricing postures of our competitors. In addition, if we increase prices to offset higher costs, we could experience lower demand for our products and sales volumes. Conversely, decreases in our commodity and other input costs may create pressure on us to decrease our prices. While we use derivative financial instruments, primarily futures and options, to reduce the effect of changing prices and as a mechanism to procure the underlying commodity, we do not fully hedge against changes in commodities prices.

Over time, if we are unable to price our products to cover increased costs, to offset operating cost increases with continuous improvement savings or are not successful in our commodity hedging program, then commodity and raw material price volatility or increases could materially and adversely affect our profitability, financial condition and results of operations.

**The prices we receive for our products may fluctuate due to competition from other food producers and processors.**

The food industry in general is intensely competitive. We face competition from other food producers and processors that have various product ranges and geographic reach. Some of the factors on which we compete include: pricing, product safety and quality, brand identification, innovation, breadth and depth of product offerings, availability of our products (including distribution channels used, such as e-commerce) and competing products, customer service, and credit terms.

From time to time in response to these competitive pressures or to maintain market share, we may need to reduce the prices for some of our products or increase or reallocate spending on marketing, advertising and promotions and new product innovation. Such pressures also may restrict our ability to increase prices in response to raw material and other cost increases. Any reduction in prices as a result of competitive pressures, or any failure to increase prices to offset cost increases, could harm our profit margins. If we reduce prices but we cannot increase sales volumes to offset the price changes, then our financial condition and results of operations will suffer. Alternatively, if we do not reduce our prices and our competitors seek advantage through pricing or promotional changes, our revenues and market share could be adversely affected.

**Outbreaks of livestock diseases can adversely impact our ability to conduct our operations and the supply and demand for our products.**

Supply of and demand for our products can be adversely impacted by outbreaks of livestock diseases, which can have a significant impact on our financial results. Efforts are taken to control disease risks by adherence to good production practices and extensive precautionary measures designed to ensure the health of livestock. However, outbreaks of disease and other events, which may be beyond our control, either in our own livestock or livestock owned by independent producers who sell livestock to us, could significantly affect demand for our products, consumer perceptions of certain protein products, the availability of livestock for purchase by us and our ability to conduct our operations. Moreover, the outbreak of livestock diseases, particularly in our Chicken segment, could have a significant effect on the livestock we own by requiring us to, among other things, destroy any affected livestock. Furthermore, an outbreak of disease could result in governmental restrictions on the import and export of our products to or from our suppliers, facilities or customers. This could also result in negative publicity that may have an adverse effect on our ability to market our products successfully and on our financial results.

**The integration of recent acquisitions may be more difficult, costly or time consuming than expected, and the acquisition may not result in any or all of the anticipated benefits, including cost synergies.**

The success of recent acquisitions, including the realization of the anticipated benefits, will depend in part on our ability to successfully integrate the businesses in an efficient and effective manner. We may not be able to accomplish this integration process smoothly or successfully. The necessity of coordinating geographically separated organizations, systems and facilities and addressing possible differences in business backgrounds, corporate cultures and management philosophies may increase the difficulties of integration. Failure to effectively integrate the businesses could adversely impact the expected benefits of the acquisitions, including cost synergies arising from supply chain efficiencies, merchandising activities and overlapping general and administrative functions.

The integration of large companies is complex, and we will be required to devote significant management attention and incur substantial costs to integrate these businesses and Tyson's business practices, policies, cultures and operations. This diversion of our management's attention from day-to-day business operations and the execution and pursuit of strategic plans and initiatives could result in performance shortfalls, which could adversely impact the combined company's business, operations and financial results. The integration process could also result in the loss of key employees, which could adversely impact the combined company's future financial results.



Furthermore, during the integration planning process, we may encounter additional challenges and difficulties, including those related to, without limitation, managing a larger combined company; streamlining supply chains, consolidating corporate and administrative infrastructures and eliminating overlapping operations; retaining our existing vendors and customers; unanticipated issues in integrating information technology, communications and other systems; and unforeseen and unexpected liabilities related to recent acquisitions. Delays encountered in the integration could adversely impact the business, financial condition and operations of the combined company.

We continue to evaluate our estimates of synergies to be realized from recent acquisitions and refine them. Our actual cost savings could differ materially from our current estimates. Actual cost savings, the costs required to realize the cost savings and the source of the cost savings could differ materially from our estimates, and we cannot assure you that we will achieve the full amount of cost savings on the schedule anticipated or at all or that these cost savings programs will not have other adverse effects on our business. In light of these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on our estimated cost savings.

Finally, we may not be able to achieve the targeted operating or long-term strategic benefits of the recent acquisitions in a timely manner or at all or could incur higher transition costs than anticipated. An inability to realize the full extent of, or any of, the anticipated benefits of the acquisitions, as well as any delays encountered in the integration process, could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**We may not realize any or all of the anticipated benefits of our financial fitness program, which may prove to be more difficult, costly, or time consuming than expected.**

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017, our Board of Directors approved a multi-year restructuring program (the “Financial Fitness Program”), which is expected to contribute to the Company’s overall strategy of financial fitness through increased operational effectiveness and overhead reduction. For more information regarding this program, refer to the heading “Overview” set forth in Part II, “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” of this report.

The success of the Financial Fitness Program, including the realization of the anticipated benefits, will depend in part on our ability to successfully implement the program in an efficient and effective manner. The implementation of the Financial Fitness Program may be more difficult, costly, or time consuming than expected, and the Financial Fitness Program may not result in any or all of the anticipated benefits. If we are unable to implement the Financial Fitness Program smoothly or successfully, or we otherwise do not capture the anticipated savings, our business, results of operations and financial condition for future periods could be negatively impacted.

In addition, we may incur higher costs associated with reductions in overhead than anticipated, and the reduction in overhead could result in performance shortfalls. The Financial Fitness Program may become a distraction for our organization and may disrupt our ongoing business operations; cause deterioration in employee morale; disrupt or weaken the internal control structures of the affected business operations; and result in negative publicity which could affect our corporate reputation. If we are unable to successfully manage the negative consequences of the Financial Fitness Program, our business, results of operations and financial condition for future periods could be adversely affected.

**We may experience difficulties in implementing an enterprise resource planning system over the next few years.**

We are engaged in a multi-year implementation of an enterprise resource planning (“ERP”) system. Such an implementation is a major undertaking from a financial, management, and personnel perspective. The implementation of the ERP system may prove to be more difficult, costly, or time consuming than expected, and there can be no assurance that this system will continue to be beneficial to the extent anticipated. Any disruptions, delays or deficiencies in the design and implementation of our new ERP system could adversely affect our ability to process orders, ship products, send invoices and track payments, fulfill contractual obligations, produce financial reports, or otherwise operate our business. As we implement our new ERP system, our exposure to system attacks may be elevated because we will be running old and new processes in parallel and must simultaneously protect both the new system and legacy systems. If we are unable to implement the ERP system smoothly or successfully, or we otherwise do not capture anticipated benefits, our business, results of operations and financial condition for future periods could be negatively impacted. Additionally, our implementation of the ERP system may involve greater utilization of third-party “cloud” computing services in connection with our business operations. Problems faced by us or our third-party “cloud” computing providers, including technological or business-related disruptions, as well as cybersecurity threats, could adversely impact our business, results of operations and financial condition for future periods.

**We are subject to risks associated with our international activities, which could negatively affect our sales to customers in foreign countries, as well as our operations and assets in such countries.**

In fiscal 2018, we sold products to approximately 125 countries. Major sales markets include Canada, Central America, China, the European Union, Japan, Mexico, the Middle East, South Korea and Taiwan. Our sales to customers in foreign countries for fiscal 2018 totaled \$4.8 billion, of which \$4.2 billion related to export sales from the United States. In addition, we had approximately \$212 million of long-lived assets located in foreign countries, primarily Brazil, China, European Union and New Zealand, at the end of fiscal 2018.

As a result, we are subject to various risks and uncertainties relating to international sales and operations, including:

- imposition of tariffs, quotas, trade barriers and other trade protection measures imposed by foreign countries regarding the importation of beef, pork, poultry, and prepared foods products, in addition to import or export licensing requirements imposed by various foreign countries;
- closing of borders by foreign countries to the import of beef, pork, and poultry products due to animal disease or other perceived health or safety issues;
- impact of currency exchange rate fluctuations between the United States dollar and foreign currencies, particularly the Brazilian real, the British pound sterling, the Canadian dollar, the Chinese renminbi, the European euro, the Japanese yen and the Mexican peso;
- political and economic conditions;
- difficulties and costs to comply with, and enforcement of remedies under, a wide variety of complex domestic and international laws, treaties and regulations, including, without limitation, the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and economic and trade sanctions enforced by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control;
- different regulatory structures and unexpected changes in regulatory environments;
- tax rates that may exceed those in the United States and earnings that may be subject to withholding requirements and incremental taxes upon repatriation;
- potentially negative consequences from changes in tax laws; and
- distribution costs, disruptions in shipping or reduced availability of freight transportation.

Negative consequences relating to these risks and uncertainties could jeopardize or limit our ability to transact business in one or more of those markets where we operate or in other developing markets and could adversely affect our financial results.

**We depend on the availability of, and good relations with, our employees.**

We have approximately 121,000 employees, approximately 33,000 of whom are covered by collective bargaining agreements or are members of labor unions. Our operations depend on the availability and relative costs of labor and maintaining good relations with employees and the labor unions. If we fail to maintain good relations with our employees or with the labor unions, we may experience labor strikes or work stoppages, which could adversely affect our financial results.

**If we are unable to attract, hire or retain key employees or a highly skilled and diverse global workforce, it could have a negative impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations.**

Our continued growth requires us to attract, hire, retain and develop key employees, including our executive officers and senior management team, and maintain a highly skilled and diverse global workforce. We compete to attract and hire highly skilled employees and our own employees are highly sought after by our competitors and other companies. Competition could cause us to lose talented employees, and unplanned turnover could deplete our institutional knowledge and result in increased costs due to increased competition for employees.

**We depend on contract growers and independent producers to supply us with livestock.**

We contract primarily with independent contract growers to raise the live chickens and turkeys processed in our poultry operations. A majority of our cattle and hogs are purchased from independent producers who sell livestock to us under marketing contracts or on the open market. If we do not attract and maintain contracts with growers or maintain marketing and purchasing relationships with independent producers, our production operations could be negatively affected.

**If our products become contaminated, we may be subject to product liability claims and product recalls, which could adversely affect our financial results and damage our reputation.**

Our products may be subject to contamination by disease-producing organisms or pathogens, such as *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Salmonella* and *E. coli*. These organisms and pathogens are found generally in the environment and there is a risk that one or more, as a result of food processing, could be present in our products. These organisms and pathogens also can be introduced to our products as a result of improper handling at the further-processing, foodservice or consumer level. These risks may be controlled, but may not be eliminated, by adherence to good manufacturing practices and finished product testing. We have little, if any, control over handling procedures once our products have been shipped for distribution. Even an inadvertent shipment of contaminated products may be a violation of law and may lead to increased risk of exposure to product liability claims, increased scrutiny and penalties, including injunctive relief and plant closings, by federal and state regulatory agencies, and adverse publicity, which could exacerbate the associated negative consumer reaction. Any of these occurrences may have an adverse effect on our financial results. In addition, we may be required to recall some of our products if they spoil, become contaminated, are tampered with or are mislabeled. A widespread product recall could result in significant losses due to the costs of a recall, the destruction of product inventory and lost sales due to the unavailability of product for a period of time. Such a product recall also could result in adverse publicity, damage to our reputation, and a loss of consumer confidence in our products, which could have a material adverse effect on our business results and the value of our brands.

**Changes in consumer preference and failure to maintain favorable consumer perception of our brands and products could negatively impact our business.**

The food industry in general is subject to changing consumer trends, demands and preferences. Trends within the food industry change often, and failure to identify and react to changes in these trends could lead to, among other things, reduced demand and price reductions for our brands and products. We strive to respond to consumer preferences and social expectations, but we may not be successful in our efforts.

We could be adversely affected if consumers lose confidence in the safety and quality of certain food products or ingredients, or the food safety system generally. Prolonged negative perceptions concerning the health implications of certain food products or ingredients or loss of confidence in the food safety system generally could influence consumer preferences and acceptance of some of our products and marketing programs. Continued negative perceptions and failure to satisfy consumer preferences could materially and adversely affect our product sales, financial condition and results of operations.

We have a number of iconic brands with significant value. Maintaining and continually enhancing the value of these brands is critical to the success of our business. Brand value is based in large part on consumer perceptions. Success in promoting and enhancing brand value depends in large part on our ability to provide high-quality products. Brand value could diminish significantly due to a number of factors, including consumer perception that we have acted in an irresponsible manner, adverse publicity about our products (whether or not valid), our failure to maintain the quality of our products, the failure of our products to deliver consistently positive consumer experiences or the products becoming unavailable to consumers.

**Failure to continually innovate and successfully launch new products and maintain our brand image through marketing investment could adversely impact our operating results.**

Our financial success is dependent on anticipating changes in consumer preferences, purchasing behaviors and dietary habits and successfully developing and launching new products and product extensions that consumers want in the channels where they shop. We devote significant resources to new product development and product extensions, however we may not be successful in developing innovative new products or our new products may not be commercially successful. To the extent we are not able to effectively gauge the direction of our key markets and successfully identify, develop, manufacture and market new or improved products in these changing markets, such as adapting to emerging e-commerce channels, our financial results and our competitive position will suffer. In addition, our introduction of new products or product extensions may generate litigation or other legal proceedings against us by competitors claiming infringement of their intellectual property or other rights, which could negatively impact our results of operations.

We also seek to maintain and extend the image of our brands through marketing investments, including advertising, consumer promotions and trade spend. Due to inherent risks in the marketplace associated with advertising, promotions and new product introductions, including uncertainties about trade and consumer acceptance, our marketing investments may not prove successful in maintaining or increasing our market share and could result in lower sales and profits. Continuing global focus on health and wellness, including weight management, and increasing media attention to the role of food marketing could adversely affect our brand image or lead to stricter regulations and greater scrutiny of food marketing practices.

Our success in maintaining, extending and expanding our brand image also depends on our ability to adapt to a rapidly changing media environment, including our increasing reliance on social media and online dissemination of advertising campaigns. The growing use of social and digital media increases the speed and extent that information or misinformation and opinions can be shared. Negative posts or comments about us, our brands or our products on social or digital media could seriously damage our reputation and brand image.

We are subject to a variety of legal and regulatory restrictions on how and to whom we market our products, for instance marketing to children, which may limit our ability to maintain or extend our brand image. If we do not maintain or extend our brand image, then our product sales, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

**Failure to leverage our brand value propositions to compete against private label products, especially during economic downturn, may adversely affect our profitability.**

In many product categories, we compete not only with other widely advertised branded products, but also with private label products that generally are sold at lower prices. Consumers are more likely to purchase our products if they believe that our products provide a higher quality and greater value than less expensive alternatives. If the difference in quality between our brands and private label products narrows, or if there is a perception of such a narrowing, consumers may choose not to buy our products at prices that are profitable for us. In addition, in periods of economic uncertainty, consumers tend to purchase more lower-priced private label or other economy brands. To the extent this occurs, we could experience a reduction in the sales volume of our higher margin products or a shift in our product mix to lower margin offerings. In addition, in times of economic uncertainty, consumers reduce the amount of food that they consume away from home at our foodservice customers, which in turn reduces our product sales.

**Our level of indebtedness and the terms of our indebtedness could negatively impact our business and liquidity position.**

Our indebtedness, including borrowings under our revolving credit facility and commercial paper program, may increase from time to time for various reasons, including fluctuations in operating results, working capital needs, capital expenditures and possible acquisitions, joint ventures or other significant initiatives. Our consolidated indebtedness level could adversely affect our business because:

- it may limit or impair our ability to obtain financing in the future;
- our credit ratings (or any decrease to our credit ratings) could restrict or impede our ability to access capital markets at desired interest rates and increase our borrowing costs;
- it may reduce our flexibility to respond to changing business and economic conditions or to take advantage of business opportunities that may arise;
- a portion of our cash flow from operations must be dedicated to interest payments on our indebtedness and is not available for other purposes; and
- it may restrict our ability to pay dividends.

Our revolving credit and term loan facilities contain affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens and encumbrances; incur debt; merge, dissolve, liquidate or consolidate; make acquisitions and investments; dispose of or transfer assets; change the nature of our business; engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and enter into hedging transactions, in each case, subject to certain qualifications and exceptions. In addition, we are required to maintain minimum interest expense coverage and maximum debt to capitalization ratios.

Our senior notes also contain affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens; engage in certain sale/leaseback transactions; and engage in certain consolidations, mergers and sales of assets.

**An impairment in the carrying value of our goodwill or indefinite life intangible assets could negatively impact our consolidated results of operations and net worth.**

Goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets are initially recorded at fair value and not amortized, but are reviewed for impairment at least annually or more frequently if impairment indicators arise. In assessing the carrying value of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets, we make estimates and assumptions about sales, operating margins, growth rates, royalty rates, EBITDA multiples, and discount rates based on budgets, business plans, economic projections, anticipated future cash flows and marketplace data. There are inherent uncertainties related to these factors and management's judgment in applying these factors. Goodwill valuations have been calculated principally using an income approach. The income approach is based on the present value of future cash flows of each reporting unit and are believed to reflect market participant views which would exist in an exit transaction. Indefinite life intangible asset valuations have been calculated principally using relief-from-royalty and excess earnings approaches and are believed to reflect market participant views which would exist in an exit transaction. Under these valuation approaches, we are required to make various judgmental assumptions about appropriate discount rates. Disruptions in global credit and other financial markets and deterioration of economic conditions, could, among other things, cause us to increase the discount rate used in the valuations. We could be required to evaluate the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets prior to the annual assessment if we experience disruptions to the business, unexpected significant declines in operating results, divestiture of a significant component of our business or sustained market capitalization declines. These types of events and the resulting analyses could result in impairment charges in the future, which could be substantial. As of September 29, 2018, we had \$13.8 billion of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets, which represented approximately 47% of total assets.

**New or more stringent domestic and international government regulations could impose material costs on us and could adversely affect our business.**

Our operations are subject to extensive federal, state and foreign laws and regulations by authorities that oversee food safety standards and processing, packaging, storage, distribution, advertising, labeling and export of our products. See "Environmental Regulation and Food Safety" in Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Changes in laws or regulations that impose additional regulatory requirements on us could increase our cost of doing business or restrict our actions, causing our results of operations to be adversely affected. For example, increased governmental interest in advertising practices may result in regulations that could require us to change or restrict our advertising practices.

Increased government regulations to limit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions as a result of concern over climate change may result in increased compliance costs, capital expenditures and other financial obligations for us. We use natural gas, diesel fuel and electricity in the manufacturing and distribution of our products. Legislation or regulation affecting these inputs could materially affect our profitability. In addition, climate change could affect our ability to procure needed commodities at costs and in quantities we currently experience and may require us to make additional unplanned capital expenditures.

**Legal claims, class action lawsuits, other regulatory enforcement actions, or failure to comply with applicable legal standards or requirements could affect our product sales, reputation and profitability.**

We operate in a highly-regulated environment with constantly evolving legal and regulatory frameworks. Consequently, we are subject to heightened risk of legal claims or other regulatory enforcement actions. Although we have implemented policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with existing laws and regulations, there can be no assurance that our employees, contractors, or agents will not violate our policies and procedures. Moreover, a failure to maintain effective control processes could lead to violations, unintentional or otherwise, of laws and regulations. Legal claims or regulatory enforcement actions arising out of our failure or alleged failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including those contained in Item 3, Legal Proceedings and Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 20: Commitments and Contingencies in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, could subject us to civil and criminal penalties, including debarment from governmental contracts that could materially and adversely affect our product sales, reputation, financial condition and results of operations. Loss of or failure to obtain necessary permits and registrations could delay or prevent us from meeting current product demand, introducing new products, building new facilities or acquiring new businesses and could adversely affect operating results.

**The Company is subject to stringent environmental regulation and potentially subject to environmental litigation, proceedings, and investigations.**

Our past and present business operations and ownership and operation of real property are subject to stringent federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations pertaining to the discharge of materials into the environment, and the handling and disposition of wastes (including solid and hazardous wastes) or otherwise relating to protection of the environment. Compliance with these laws and regulations, and the ability to comply with any modifications to these laws and regulations, is material to our business. New matters or sites may be identified in the future that will require additional investigation, assessment, or expenditures. In addition, some of our facilities have been in operation for many years and, over time, we and other prior operators of these facilities may have generated and disposed of wastes that now may be considered hazardous. Future discovery of contamination of property underlying or in the vicinity of our present or former properties or manufacturing facilities and/or waste disposal sites could require us to incur additional expenses. The occurrence of any of these events, the implementation of new laws and regulations, or stricter interpretation of existing laws or regulations, could adversely affect our financial results.

**We are increasingly dependent on information technology, and our business and reputation could suffer if we are unable to protect our information technology systems against, or effectively respond to, cyber-attacks, other cyber incidents or security breaches or if our information technology systems are otherwise disrupted.**

Information technology is an important part of our business operations and we increasingly rely on information technology systems to manage business data and increase efficiencies in our production and distribution facilities and inventory management processes. We also use information technology to process financial information and results of operations for internal reporting purposes and to comply with regulatory, legal and tax requirements. In addition, we depend on information technology for digital marketing and electronic communications between our facilities, personnel, customers and suppliers. Like other companies, our information technology systems may be vulnerable to a variety of disruptions, including but not limited to the process of upgrading or replacing software, databases or components thereof, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, telecommunications failures, computer viruses, cyber-attacks, hackers, unauthorized access attempts and other security issues. Attempted cyber-attacks and other cyber incidents are occurring more frequently, are constantly evolving in nature, are becoming more sophisticated and are being made by groups and individuals with a wide range of motives and expertise.

We have implemented and continue to evaluate security initiatives and disaster recovery plans to mitigate our exposure to these risks, but these measures may not be adequate. Any significant failure of our systems, including failures that prevent our systems from functioning as intended or our failure to timely identify or appropriately respond to cyber-attacks or other cyber incidents, could cause transaction errors, processing inefficiencies, loss of customers and sales, have negative consequences on our employees and our business partners, have a negative impact on our operations or business reputation and expose us to liability, litigation and regulatory enforcement actions. In addition, if we are unable to prevent security breaches, we may suffer financial and reputational damage or penalties because of the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information belonging to us or to our business partners, customers, consumers or suppliers. Finally, the disclosure of non-public information through external media channels could lead to the loss of intellectual property or damage our reputation and brand image. Similar risks exist with respect to the third-party vendors that we rely upon for aspects of our information technology support services and administrative functions, including health and benefit plan administration and certain finance and accounting functions, and systems managed, hosted, provided and/or used by third parties and their vendors.

**If we pursue strategic acquisitions or divestitures, we may not be able to successfully consummate favorable transactions or successfully integrate acquired businesses.**

We periodically evaluate potential acquisitions, joint ventures and other initiatives, and may seek to expand our business through the acquisition of companies, processing plants, technologies, products and services. Acquisitions and joint ventures involve financial and operational risks and uncertainties, including:

- challenges in realizing the anticipated benefits of the transaction;
- difficulty integrating acquired businesses, technologies, operations and personnel with our existing business;
- diversion of management attention in connection with negotiating transactions and integrating the businesses acquired;
- difficulty identifying suitable candidates or consummating a transaction on terms that are favorable to us;
- challenges in retaining the acquired businesses' customers and key employees;
- inability to implement and maintain consistent standards, controls, procedures and information systems;
- exposure to unforeseen or undisclosed liabilities of acquired companies; and
- the availability and terms of additional debt or equity financing for any transaction.

We may not be able to address these risks and successfully develop these acquired companies or businesses into profitable units. If we are unable to do this, such expansion could adversely affect our financial results. In August 2018, the Company announced it had reached a definitive agreement to buy the Keystone Foods business ("Keystone") from Marfrig Global Foods for \$2.16 billion in cash. The acquisition of Keystone, a major supplier to the growing global foodservice industry, is our latest investment in furtherance of our growth strategy and expansion of our value-added protein capabilities. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter or early second quarter of fiscal 2019 and is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals, however, there can be no assurance that the acquisition will close at such time.

Additionally, from time to time, we may divest businesses that do not meet our strategic objectives or do not meet our growth or profitability targets. We may not be able to complete desired or proposed divestitures on terms favorable to us. Gains or losses on the sales of, or lost operating income from, those businesses may affect our profitability and margins. Moreover, we may incur asset impairment charges related to divestitures that reduce our profitability. Our divestiture activities may present financial, managerial and operational risks. Those risks include diversion of management attention from existing businesses, difficulties separating personnel and financial and other systems, possible need for providing transition services to buyers, adverse effects on existing business relationships with suppliers and customers and indemnities and potential disputes with the buyers. Any of these factors could adversely affect our product sales, financial condition and results of operations.

**Market fluctuations could negatively impact our operating results as we hedge certain transactions.**

Our business is exposed to fluctuating market conditions. We use derivative financial instruments to reduce our exposure to various market risks including changes in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates. We hold certain positions, primarily in grain and livestock futures, that are not hedges for financial reporting purposes. These positions are marked to fair value, and the unrealized gains and losses are reported in earnings at each reporting date. Therefore, losses on these contracts will adversely affect our reported operating results. While these contracts reduce our exposure to changes in prices for commodity products, the use of such instruments may ultimately limit our ability to benefit from favorable commodity prices.

**Deterioration of economic conditions could negatively impact our business.**

Our business may be adversely affected by changes in economic conditions, including inflation, interest rates, access to capital markets, consumer spending rates, energy availability and costs (including fuel surcharges) and the effects of governmental initiatives to manage economic conditions. Any such changes could adversely affect the demand for our products, or the cost and availability of our needed raw materials, cooking ingredients and packaging materials, thereby negatively affecting our financial results.

Disruptions in global credit and other financial markets and deterioration of economic conditions could, among other things:

- make it more difficult or costly for us to obtain financing for our operations or investments or to refinance our debt in the future;
- cause our lenders to depart from prior credit industry practice and make more difficult or expensive the granting of any amendment of, or waivers under, our credit agreements to the extent we may seek them in the future;
- impair the financial condition of some of our customers and suppliers, thereby increasing customer bad debts or non-performance by suppliers;
- negatively impact global demand for protein products, which could result in a reduction of sales, operating income and cash flows;
- decrease the value of our investments in equity and debt securities, including our marketable debt securities, company-owned life insurance and pension and other postretirement plan assets;
- negatively impact our commodity purchasing activities if we are required to record losses related to derivative financial instruments; or
- impair the financial viability of our insurers.

**The loss of one or more of our largest customers could negatively impact our business.**

Our business could suffer significant setbacks in sales and operating income if our customers' plans and/or markets change significantly or if we lost one or more of our largest customers, including, for example, Walmart Inc., which accounted for 17.3% of our sales in fiscal 2018. Our retail customers typically do not enter into written contracts, and if they do sign contracts, they generally are limited in scope and duration. There can be no assurance that significant customers will continue to purchase our products in the same mix or quantities or on the same terms as in the past. Alternative retail channels, such as convenience stores, dollar stores, drug stores, club stores and Internet-based retailers have increased their market share.

This trend towards alternative channels is expected to continue in the future. If we are not successful in expanding sales in alternative retail channels, our business or financial results may be adversely impacted. Many of our customers, such as supermarkets, warehouse clubs and food distributors, have consolidated in recent years, and consolidation is expected to continue throughout the United States and in other major markets. These consolidations have produced large, sophisticated customers with increased buying power who are more capable of operating with reduced inventories, opposing price increases, and demanding lower pricing, increased promotional programs and specifically tailored products. These customers also may use shelf space currently used for our products for their own private label products. Because of these trends, our volume growth could slow or we may need to lower prices or increase promotional spending for our products. The loss of a significant customer or a material reduction in sales to, or adverse change to trade terms with, a significant customer could materially and adversely affect our product sales, financial condition and results of operations.

**Extreme factors or forces beyond our control could negatively impact our business.**

Our ability to make, move and sell products is critical to our success. Natural disasters, fire, bioterrorism, pandemic or extreme weather, including droughts, floods, excessive cold or heat, hurricanes or other storms, could impair the health or growth of livestock or interfere with our operations due to power outages, fuel shortages, decrease in availability of water, damage to our production and processing facilities or disruption of transportation channels or unfavorably impact the demand for, or our consumers' ability to purchase our products, among other things. Any of these factors could have an adverse effect on our financial results.

**Failure to maximize or to successfully assert our intellectual property rights could impact our competitiveness.**

We consider our intellectual property rights, particularly and most notably our trademarks, but also our trade secrets, patents and copyrights, to be a significant and valuable aspect of our business. We attempt to protect our intellectual property rights through a combination of trademark, trade secret, patent and copyright laws, as well as licensing agreements, third-party nondisclosure and assignment agreements and policing of third-party misuses of our intellectual property. We cannot be sure that these intellectual property rights will be maximized or that they can be successfully asserted. There is a risk that we will not be able to obtain and perfect our own or, where appropriate, license intellectual property rights necessary to support new product introductions.

We cannot be sure that these rights, if obtained, will not be invalidated, circumvented or challenged in the future. In addition, even if such rights are obtained in the United States, the laws of some of the other countries in which our products are or may be sold do not protect our intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. Our failure to perfect or successfully assert our intellectual property rights could make us less competitive and could have an adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

**Participation in a Multiemployer Pension Plan could adversely affect our business.**

Through our wholly owned subsidiary, Hillshire Brands, we participate in a "multiemployer" pension plan administered by a labor union representing some of its employees. We are required to make periodic contributions to this plan to allow it to meet its pension benefit obligations to its participants. Our required contributions to this fund could increase because of a shrinking contribution base as a result of the insolvency or withdrawal of other companies that currently contribute to this fund, inability or failure of withdrawing companies to pay their withdrawal liability, lower than expected returns on pension fund assets or other funding deficiencies. In the event that we withdraw from participation in this plan, then applicable law could require us to make an additional lump-sum contribution to the plan, and we would have to reflect that as an expense in our consolidated statement of operations and as a liability on our consolidated balance sheet. Our withdrawal liability would depend on the extent of the plan's funding of vested benefits. The multiemployer plan in which we participate is reported to have significant underfunded liabilities. Such underfunding could increase the size of our potential withdrawal liability. In the event a withdrawal or partial withdrawal was to occur with respect to the multiemployer plan, the impact to our consolidated financial statements could be material.

**Tyson Limited Partnership can exercise significant control.**

As of September 29, 2018, Tyson Limited Partnership (the "TLP") owns 99.985% of the outstanding shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock, \$0.10 par value (Class B stock) and the TLP and members of the Tyson family own, in the aggregate, 2.09% of the outstanding shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, \$0.10 par value (Class A stock), giving them, collectively, control of approximately 70.96% of the total voting power of the Company's outstanding voting stock. At this time, the TLP does not have a managing general partner, as such, the management rights of the managing general partner may be exercised by a majority of the percentage interests of the general partners. As of September 29, 2018, Mr. John Tyson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, has 33.33% of the general partner percentage interests, and Ms. Barbara Tyson, a director of the Company, has 11.115% general partner percentage interests (the remaining general partnership interests are held by the Donald J. Tyson Revocable Trust (44.44%) and Harry C. Erwin, III (11.115%)). As a result of these holdings, positions and directorships, the partners in the TLP have the ability to exert substantial influence or actual control over our management and affairs and over substantially all matters requiring action by our stockholders, including amendments to our restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws, the election and removal of directors, any proposed merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets and other corporate transactions. This concentration of ownership may also delay or prevent a change in control otherwise favored by our other stockholders and could depress our stock price. Additionally, as a result of the TLP's significant ownership of our outstanding voting stock, we are eligible for "controlled company" exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements of the New York Stock Exchange.

**We may incur additional tax expense or become subject to additional tax liabilities.**

We are subject to taxes in the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes. Our total income tax expense could be affected by changes in tax rates in various jurisdictions, changes in the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities or changes in tax laws or their interpretation. We are also subject to the examination of our tax returns and other tax matters by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities. There can be no assurance as to the outcome of these examinations. If a taxing authority disagrees with the positions we have taken, we could face additional tax liability, including interest and penalties, which could adversely affect our financial results.

**Volatility in the capital markets or interest rates could adversely impact our pension costs and the funded status of our pension plans.**

We sponsor a number of defined benefit plans for employees in the United States. The difference between plan obligations and assets, which signifies the funded status of the plans, is a significant factor in determining the net periodic benefit costs of the pension plans and our ongoing funding requirements. As of September 29, 2018, the funded status of our defined benefit pension plans was an underfunded position of \$ 162 million, as compared to an underfunded position of \$ 195 million at the end of fiscal 2017. Changes in interest rates and the market value of plan assets can impact the funded status of the plans and cause volatility in the net periodic benefit cost and our future funding requirements. The exact amount of cash contributions made to pension plans in any year is dependent upon a number of factors, including minimum funding requirements.

**The announcement and pendency of the Keystone Acquisition could impact or cause disruptions in our and Keystone's businesses.**

Specifically:

- our and Keystone's current and prospective customers and suppliers may experience uncertainty associated with the Keystone Acquisition, including with respect to current or future business relationships with us, Keystone or the combined business and may attempt to negotiate changes in existing business;
- our and Keystone's employees may experience uncertainty about their future roles with us, which may adversely affect our and Keystone's ability to retain and hire key employees;
- if the Keystone Acquisition is completed, the accelerated vesting of equity-based awards and payment of "change in control" benefits to some members of Keystone's management on completion of the Keystone Acquisition could result in increased difficulty or cost in retaining Keystone's officers and employees; and
- the attention of our management and that of Keystone may be directed toward the completion and implementation of the Keystone Acquisition and transaction-related considerations and may be diverted from the day-to-day business operations of the respective companies.

In connection with the Keystone Acquisition, we could also encounter additional transaction and integration-related costs or other factors such as the failure to realize all of the benefits anticipated in the Keystone Acquisition, as described in more detail below.

**The Keystone Acquisition may not be successful.**

We recently announced our entry into a share purchase agreement to acquire Keystone. Risks associated with the Keystone acquisition include the risk that the transaction may not be consummated, the risk that regulatory approval that may be required for the transaction is not obtained or is obtained subject to certain conditions that are not anticipated, litigation risk associated with claims or potential claims brought by shareholders of Keystone to enjoin the transaction or seek monetary damages, and risks associated with our ability to issue debt to fund a portion of the purchase price.



**If the Keystone Acquisition is consummated, we may be unable to successfully integrate Keystone's operations or to realize targeted cost savings, revenues and other benefits of the Keystone Acquisition.**

We entered into the share purchase agreement for Keystone because we believe that the Keystone acquisition will be beneficial to us and our stockholders. Achieving the targeted benefits of the Keystone acquisition will depend in part upon whether we can integrate Keystone's businesses in an efficient and effective manner. We may not be able to accomplish this integration process smoothly or successfully. The necessity of coordinating geographically separated organizations, systems and facilities and addressing possible differences in business backgrounds, corporate cultures and management philosophies may increase the difficulties of integration. We and Keystone operate numerous systems, including those involving management information, purchasing, accounting and finance, sales, billing, employee benefits, payroll and regulatory compliance. Moreover, the integration of our respective operations will require the dedication of significant management resources, which is likely to distract management's attention from day-to-day operations. Employee uncertainty and lack of focus during the integration process may also disrupt our business and result in undesired employee attrition. An inability of management to successfully integrate the operations of the two companies could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the combined businesses.

In addition, we continue to evaluate our estimates of synergies to be realized from the Keystone acquisition and refine them, so that our actual cost-savings could differ materially from our current estimates. Actual cost-savings, the costs required to realize the cost savings and the source of the cost-savings could differ materially from our estimates, and we cannot assure you that we will achieve the full amount of cost-savings on the schedule anticipated or at all or that these cost-savings programs will not have other adverse effects on our business. In light of these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on our estimated cost-savings.

Finally, we may not be able to achieve the targeted operating or long-term strategic benefits of the Keystone acquisition or could incur higher transition costs. An inability to realize the full extent of, or any of, the anticipated benefits of the Keystone acquisition, as well as any delays encountered in the integration process, could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**We will incur significant transaction and acquisition-related costs in connection with the Keystone Acquisition.**

We expect to incur significant costs associated with the Keystone acquisition and combining the operations of the two companies, including costs to achieve targeted cost-savings. The substantial majority of the expenses resulting from the Keystone acquisition will be composed of transaction costs related to the Keystone acquisition, systems consolidation costs, and business integration and employment-related costs, including costs for severance, retention and other restructuring. We may also incur transaction fees and costs related to formulating integration plans. Additional unanticipated costs may be incurred in the integration of the two companies' businesses. Although we expect that the elimination of duplicative costs, as well as the realization of other efficiencies related to the integration of the businesses, should allow us to offset incremental transaction and acquisition-related costs over time, this net benefit may not be achieved in the near term, or at all.

#### **ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

We have production and distribution operations in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. We also have sales offices throughout the United States. Additionally, we have sales offices, facilities or participate in joint venture operations in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.

	Number of Facilities at September 29, 2018		
	Owned	Leased	Total
Beef Segment Production Facilities	12	—	12
Pork Segment Production Facilities	9	—	9
Chicken Segment:			
Processing plants <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	48	2	50
Rendering plants <sup>(3)</sup>	13	—	13
Blending mills <sup>(3)</sup>	7	5	12
Feed mills	33	—	33
Grain elevators <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	5	1	6
Broiler hatcheries	56	2	58
Breeder houses	494	44	538
Broiler farm houses <sup>(2)</sup>	52	—	52
Pet treats plant	1	—	1
Prepared Foods Segment:			
Processing plants <sup>(1)(5)</sup>	34	3	37
Turkey operation facilities	6	—	6
Distribution Centers <sup>(6)</sup>	14	3	17
Cold Storage Facilities	51	1	52
Research and Development Facilities	1	1	2
		Capacity <sup>(7)</sup> per week at September 29, 2018	Fiscal 2018 Average Capacity Utilization <sup>(7)</sup>
Beef Production Facilities		156,000 head	85%
Pork Production Facilities		458,000 head	89%
Chicken Production Facilities		42 million head	89%
Prepared Foods Processing Facilities		77 million pounds	86%

<sup>(1)</sup> Certain facilities produce products that are reported in both the Chicken and Prepared Foods segments. For presentation purposes, facilities are reflected in the segment that had the majority of the facility's production. The Prepared Foods segment includes two owned facilities acquired in the Original Philly acquisition.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Tecumseh Poultry, LLC. acquisition included two owned processing plants, a leased grain elevator and two broiler farm houses.

<sup>(3)</sup> The American Proteins, Inc. acquisition included four rendering plants and five owned and five leased blending mills.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes five grain elevators purchased in fiscal 2018.

<sup>(5)</sup> Excludes five owned and a leased facility related to divestitures during fiscal 2018.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes two owned Distribution Centers and a leased Distribution Center acquired in the American Proteins, Inc. acquisition.

<sup>(7)</sup> Capacity per week based on the following: Beef and Pork (six day week) and Chicken and Prepared Foods (five day week). Capacity per week at year end is also impacted by the sale of non-protein businesses, net of acquisitions, during fiscal 2018. Average capacity utilization is based on capacity available throughout the year.

**Beef:** Beef plants include various phases of harvesting live cattle and fabricating beef products. We also have various plants which have rendering operations along with tanneries and hide treatment operations. The Beef segment includes three case-ready operations that share facilities with the Pork segment. One of the beef facilities contains a tallow refinery.

**Pork:** Pork plants include various phases of harvesting live hogs and fabricating pork products and allied products. The Pork segment includes three case-ready operations that share facilities with the Beef segment.

**Chicken:** Chicken processing plants include various phases of harvesting, dressing, cutting, packaging, deboning and further-processing. We also have 29 animal nutrition operations, nine of which are associated with the Chicken rendering plants, 19 within various Chicken processing facilities and one pet treats plant. The blending mills, feed mills, grain elevators and broiler hatcheries have sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the chicken growout operations.

**Prepared Foods:** Prepared Foods plants process fresh and frozen chicken, turkey, beef, pork and other raw materials into ready-to-eat sandwiches, sandwich components such as flame-grilled hamburgers and Philly steaks, pizza toppings, branded and processed meats, appetizers, prepared meals, ethnic foods, flour and corn tortilla products and meat dishes.

In addition, our foreign chicken production operations in China include two processing plants and two feed mills. The processing plants include various phases of harvesting, dressing, cutting, packaging, deboning and further-processing chicken. The feed mills and broiler hatcheries generally have sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the foreign chicken growout operations.

We believe our present facilities are generally adequate and suitable for our current purposes; however, seasonal fluctuations in inventories and production may occur as a reaction to market demands for certain products. We regularly engage in construction and other capital improvement projects intended to expand capacity and improve the efficiency of our processing and support facilities. We also consider the efficiencies of our operations and may from time to time consider changing the number or type of plants we operate to align with our capacity needs.

### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Refer to the description of certain legal proceedings pending against us under Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 20: Commitments and Contingencies, which discussion is incorporated herein by reference. Listed below are certain additional legal proceedings involving the Company and/or its subsidiaries.

The Environmental Protection Bureau (“EPB”) over our Tyson Nantong poultry complex in Jiangsu Province, China, alleges that we failed to complete certain environmental protection examinations and obtain approval of an environmental impact assessment. The EPB estimates we owe approximately 2.25 million yuan (approximately U.S. \$327,000) in penalties. We are cooperating with the EPB and are awaiting its final determination.

On January 27, 2017, Haff Poultry, Inc., Craig Watts, Johnny Upchurch, Jonathan Walters and Brad Carr, acting on behalf of themselves and a putative class of broiler chicken farmers, filed a class action complaint against us and certain of our poultry subsidiaries, as well as several other vertically-integrated poultry processing companies, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. On March 27, 2017, a second class action complaint making similar claims on behalf of a similarly defined putative class was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. Plaintiffs in the two cases sought to have the matters consolidated, and, on July 10, 2017, filed a consolidated amended complaint styled *In re Broiler Chicken Grower Litigation*. The plaintiffs allege, among other things, that the defendants colluded not to compete for broiler raising services “with the purpose and effect of fixing, maintaining, and/or stabilizing grower compensation below competitive levels.” The plaintiffs also allege that the defendants “agreed to share detailed data on [g]rower compensation with one another, with the purpose and effect of artificially depressing [g]rower compensation below competitive levels.” The plaintiffs contend these alleged acts constitute violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act and Section 202 of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921. The plaintiffs are seeking treble damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, costs, and attorneys’ fees on behalf of the putative class. We and the other defendants filed a motion to dismiss on September 8, 2017. That motion is pending.

On April 23, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Finding and Notice of Violation (NOV) to Tyson Foods, Inc. and our subsidiary, Southwest Products, LLC, alleging violations of the California Truck and Bus Regulation. The NOV alleged that certain diesel-powered trucks operated by us in California did not comply with California’s emission requirements for in-use trucks and that we did not verify the compliance status of independent carriers hired to carry products in California. In January 2016, the EPA proposed that we pay a civil penalty of \$283,990 to resolve these allegations. In June 2017, the EPA withdrew this proposal and referred the matter to the California Air Resources Board (CARB). We are cooperating with the CARB and, in July 2017, we signed a tolling agreement with the CARB. In March 2018 the CARB proposed a civil penalty of \$357,000. In July 2018, we reached a settlement agreement and a penalty of \$169,000 was paid in October.

On June 19, 2005, the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Environment of the State of Oklahoma filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma against Tyson Foods, Inc., three subsidiaries and six other poultry integrators. The complaint, which was subsequently amended, asserts a number of state and federal causes of action including, but not limited to, counts under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and state-law public nuisance theories. Oklahoma alleges that the defendants and certain contract growers who were not joined in the lawsuit polluted the surface waters, groundwater and associated drinking water supplies of the Illinois River Watershed through the land application of poultry litter. Oklahoma’s claims were narrowed through various rulings issued before and during trial and its claims for natural resource damages were dismissed by the district court in a ruling issued on July 22, 2009, which was subsequently affirmed on appeal by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. A non-jury trial of the remaining claims including Oklahoma’s request for injunctive relief began on September 24, 2009. Closing arguments were held on February 11, 2010. The district court has not yet rendered its decision from the trial.

**Other Matters:** As of September 29, 2018, we had approximately 121,000 employees and, at any time, have various employment practices matters outstanding. In the aggregate, these matters are significant to the Company, and we devote significant resources to managing employment issues. Additionally, we are subject to other lawsuits, investigations and claims (some of which involve substantial amounts) arising out of the conduct of our business. While the ultimate results of these matters cannot be determined, they are not expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

#### ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY

Each of our executive officers serve one-year terms from the date of their election, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. No family relationships exist among these officers. The name, title, age and calendar year of initial election to executive office of our executive officers are listed below:

Name	Title	Age	Year Elected Executive Officer
John Tyson	Chairman of the Board of Directors	65	2011
Curt T. Calaway	Senior Vice President Finance, Treasurer and Chief Accounting Officer	45	2012
Stewart Glendinning	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	53	2017
Sally Grimes	Group President Prepared Foods	47	2014
Mary Oleksiuk	Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer	56	2014
Doug Ramsey	Group President Poultry	49	2017
Scott Rouse	Executive Vice President and Chief Customer Officer	55	2017
Scott Spradley	Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer	53	2017
Stephen Stouffer	Group President Fresh Meats	58	2013
Amy Tu	Executive Vice President and General Counsel	51	2017
Noel White	President and Chief Executive Officer	60	2009
Justin Whitmore	Executive Vice President Continuous Improvement and Chief Sustainability Officer	36	2017

John Tyson has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors since 1998 and was previously Chief Executive Officer of the Company from 2001 until 2006. Mr. Tyson was initially employed by the Company in 1973.

Curt T. Calaway, our Chief Accounting Officer, was also appointed Senior Vice President Finance and Treasurer in August 2018, after serving as Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer since 2012, and serving as Vice President, Audit and Compliance since 2008. Mr. Calaway was initially employed by the Company in 2006.

Stewart Glendinning was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in February 2018 after serving as Executive Vice President since his initial employment by the Company in December 2017.

Sally Grimes was appointed Group President, Prepared Foods in August 2017, after serving as President, North American Retail since February 2017, Chief Global Growth Officer and President International since 2016, and Chief Global Growth Officer since 2015 following her appointment as President and Global Growth Officer in 2014. Ms. Grimes previously served as Senior Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer and President, Gourmet Food Group of Hillshire Brands since 2012. Hillshire Brands was acquired by the Company in 2014.

Mary Oleksiuk was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer in 2014. Ms. Oleksiuk previously served as Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer for Hillshire Brands since 2012.

Doug Ramsey was appointed Group President, Poultry in August 2017, after serving as President Poultry since March 2017. Mr. Ramsey previously served as Senior Vice President Big Bird/Fowl since 2014, and Senior Vice President and GM Value-Added since 2011. Mr. Ramsey was initially employed by the Company in 1992.

Scott Rouse was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Customer Officer in 2014, after serving as Senior Vice President Customer Development since 2006. Mr. Rouse was initially employed by the Company in 2004.

Scott Spradley was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer in 2017.

Stephen R. Stouffer was appointed Group President, Fresh Meats in October 2018, after serving as President, Fresh Meats since 2013, and Senior Vice President, Beef Margin Management since 2012. Mr. Stouffer was initially employed by IBP, inc. in 1982. IBP, inc. was acquired by the Company in 2001.

Amy Tu was appointed Executive Vice President and General Counsel in December 2017.

Noel White was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer on September 30, 2018, after serving as Group President, Fresh Meats and International and Chief Operations Officer, each in 2017, President, Poultry since 2013, and Senior Group Vice President, Fresh Meats since 2009. Mr. White was initially employed by IBP, inc. in 1983.

Justin Whitmore was appointed Executive Vice President Continuous Improvement and Chief Sustainability Officer in October 2018, after serving as Executive Vice President Corporate Strategy and Chief Sustainability Officer since December 2017, Chief Sustainability Officer and Senior Vice President Corporate Strategy since August 2017, Chief Sustainability Officer since May 2017.

## PART II

### ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

We have issued and outstanding two classes of capital stock, Class A stock and Class B stock. Holders of Class B stock may convert such stock into Class A stock on a share-for-share basis. Holders of Class B stock are entitled to 10 votes per share and holders of Class A stock are entitled to one vote per share on matters submitted to shareholders for approval. As of October 27, 2018, there were approximately 21,000 holders of record of our Class A stock and six holders of record of our Class B stock.

#### DIVIDENDS

Cash dividends cannot be paid to holders of Class B stock unless they are simultaneously paid to holders of Class A stock. The per share amount of the cash dividend paid to holders of Class B stock cannot exceed 90% of the cash dividend simultaneously paid to holders of Class A stock. We have paid uninterrupted quarterly dividends on common stock each year since 1977. In fiscal 2018, the annual dividend rate for Class A stock was \$1.20 per share and the annual dividend rate for Class B stock was \$1.08 per share. In fiscal 2017, the annual dividend rate for Class A stock was \$0.90 per share and the annual dividend rate for Class B stock was \$0.81 per share. Effective November 12, 2018, the Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend previously declared on August 9, 2018, to \$0.375 per share on our Class A stock and \$0.3375 per share on our Class B stock. The increased quarterly dividend is payable on December 14, 2018, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 30, 2018. Also effective November 12, 2018, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.375 per share on our Class A stock and \$0.3375 per share on our Class B stock, payable on March 15, 2019, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 1, 2019. We anticipate the remaining quarterly dividends in fiscal 2019 will be \$0.375 and \$0.3375 per share of our Class A and Class B stock, respectively. This results in an annual dividend rate in fiscal 2019 of \$1.50 for Class A shares and \$1.35 for Class B shares, or a 25% increase compared to the fiscal 2018 annual dividend rate. We also continue to anticipate our annual dividends to increase approximately \$0.10 per share per year.

#### MARKET INFORMATION

Our Class A stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "TSN." No public trading market currently exists for our Class B stock.

#### ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The table below provides information regarding our purchases of Class A stock during the periods indicated.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(1)</sup>
Jul. 1, 2018 to Jul. 28, 2018	93,944	\$ 66.00	—	23,744,585
Jul. 29, 2018 to Sept. 1, 2018	687,720	62.66	637,424	23,107,161
Sept. 2, 2018 to Sept. 29, 2018	181,909	62.20	160,988	22,946,173
Total	963,573 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 62.90	798,412 <sup>(3)</sup>	22,946,173

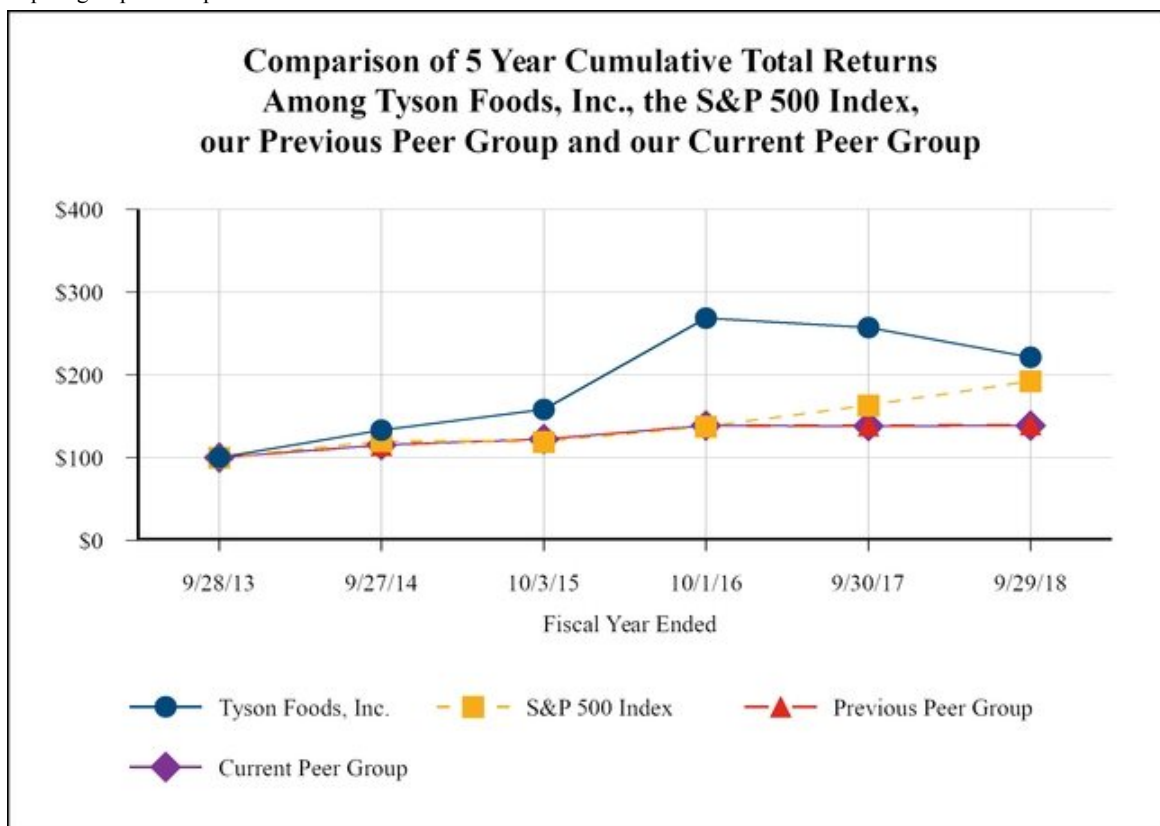
<sup>(1)</sup> On February 7, 2003, we announced our Board of Directors approved a program to repurchase up to 25 million shares of Class A common stock from time to time in open market or privately negotiated transactions. On May 3, 2012, our Board of Directors approved an increase of 35 million shares, on January 30, 2014, our Board of Directors approved an increase of 25 million shares and, on February 4, 2016, our Board of Directors approved an increase of 50 million shares under the program. The program has no fixed or scheduled termination date.

<sup>(2)</sup> We purchased 165,161 shares during the period that were not made pursuant to our previously announced stock repurchase program, but were purchased to fund certain Company obligations under our equity compensation plans. These transactions included 112,066 shares purchased in open market transactions and 53,095 shares withheld to cover required tax withholdings on the vesting of restricted stock.

<sup>(3)</sup> These shares were purchased during the period pursuant to our previously announced stock repurchase program.

## PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following graph shows a five-year comparison of cumulative total returns for our Class A stock, the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index, our previous peer group and our current peer group of companies described below.



	Fiscal Years Ended					
	9/28/13	9/27/14	10/3/15	10/1/16	9/30/17	9/29/18
Tyson Foods, Inc.	\$ 100.00	\$ 133.03	\$ 157.97	\$ 268.27	\$ 256.90	\$ 220.78
S&P 500 Index	100.00	119.73	119.00	137.36	162.92	192.10
Previous Peer Group	100.00	114.65	121.89	138.71	138.27	139.24
Current Peer Group	100.00	114.98	121.92	138.54	138.08	138.36

The total cumulative return on investment (change in the year-end stock price plus reinvested dividends), which is based on the stock price or composite index at the end of fiscal 2013, is presented for each of the periods for the Company, the S&P 500 Index, the previous peer group and our current peer group. The changes from our previous peer group to our current peer group was that our previous group included Dean Foods Company and McCormick & Co. The complete list of our current peer group includes: Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Bunge Limited, Campbell Soup Company, ConAgra Foods, Inc., General Mills, Inc., Hormel Foods Corp., Kellogg Co., Kraft Heinz Company, Mondelez International Inc., PepsiCo, Inc., Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, The Coca-Cola Company, The Hershey Company and The J.M. Smucker Company. The graph compares the performance of the Company's Class A common stock with that of the S&P 500 Index and both peer groups, with the return of each company in the peer groups weighted on market capitalization. The stock price performance of the Company's Class A common stock shown in the above graph is not necessarily indicative of future stock price performance.

The information in this "Performance Graph" section shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C, or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**  
**FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	in millions, except per share, percentage and ratio data				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Summary of Operations</b>					
Sales	\$ 40,052	\$ 38,260	\$ 36,881	\$ 41,373	\$ 37,580
Operating income	3,055	2,931	2,833	2,169	1,430
Net interest expense	343	272	243	284	125
Net income	3,027	1,778	1,772	1,224	856
Net income attributable to Tyson	3,024	1,774	1,768	1,220	864
Diluted net income per share attributable to Tyson:					
Net income	8.19	4.79	4.53	2.95	2.37
Dividends declared per share:					
Class A	1.275	0.975	0.650	0.425	0.325
Class B	1.148	0.878	0.585	0.383	0.294
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 270	\$ 318	\$ 349	\$ 688	\$ 438
Total assets	29,109	28,066	22,373	22,969	23,906
Total gross debt	9,873	10,203	6,279	6,690	8,128
Shareholders' equity	12,811	10,559	9,624	9,706	8,904
<b>Other Key Financial Measures</b>					
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 943	\$ 761	\$ 705	\$ 711	\$ 530
Capital expenditures	1,200	1,069	695	854	632
EBITDA	4,021	3,648	3,538	2,906	1,897
Return on invested capital	14.3 %	16.3%	18.1%	13.4%	11.9%
Effective tax rate	(10.3)%	32.3%	31.8%	36.3%	31.6%
Total debt to capitalization	43.5 %	49.1%	39.5%	40.8%	47.7%
Book value per share	\$ 35.09	\$ 28.72	\$ 25.67	\$ 24.25	\$ 21.86

Notes to Five-Year Financial Summary

- Fiscal 2018 net income included \$1,003 million post-tax recognition of tax benefit from remeasurement of net deferred tax liabilities at lower enacted tax rates, \$109 million pretax one-time cash bonus to our hourly frontline employees, \$68 million pretax impairment charge net of a realized gain related to the divestiture of non-protein businesses and \$59 million pretax restructuring and related charges.
- Fiscal 2017 net income included \$103 million pretax expense of AdvancePierre purchase accounting and acquisition related costs, pretax impairment charges of \$52 million related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation and \$45 million related to the expected sale of a non-protein business and pretax restructuring and related charges of \$150 million.
- Fiscal 2016 net income included \$53 million related to the recognition of previously unrecognized tax benefits and audit settlements. In fiscal 2016, we adopted new accounting guidance, retrospectively, requiring classification of debt issuance costs as a reduction of the carrying value of the debt. In doing so, \$29 million, \$35 million, \$50 million and \$10 million of deferred issuance costs have been reclassified from Other Assets to Long-Term Debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheets for fiscal 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 respectively. This change is reflected above in total assets, total debt, total debt to capitalization and return on invested capital ratios.
- Fiscal 2015 was a 53-week year, while the other years presented were 52-week years. Fiscal 2015 included a \$169 million pretax impairment charge related to our China operation, \$57 million pretax expense related to merger and integration costs, \$59 million pretax impairment charges related to our Prepared Foods network optimization, \$12 million pretax charges related to Denison impairment and plant closure costs, \$8 million pretax gain related to net insurance proceeds (net of costs) related to a legacy Hillshire Brands plant fire, \$21 million pretax gain on the sale of equity securities, \$161 million pretax gain on the sale of the Mexico operation, \$39 million pretax gain related to the impact of the additional week in fiscal 2015 and \$26 million unrecognized tax benefit gain.
- Fiscal 2014 included a \$42 million pretax impairment charge and other costs related to the sale of our Brazil operation and Mexico's undistributed earnings tax, \$197 million pretax expense related to the Hillshire Brands acquisition, integration and costs associated with our Prepared Foods improvement plan, \$40 million pretax expense related to the Hillshire Brands post-closing results, purchase price accounting, and costs related to a legacy Hillshire Brands plant fire, \$27 million pretax expense related to the Hillshire Brands acquisition financing incremental interest cost and \$52 million unrecognized tax benefit gain.
- Return on invested capital is calculated by dividing operating income by the sum of the average of beginning and ending total debt and shareholders' equity less cash and cash equivalents.
- For the total debt to capitalization calculation, capitalization is defined as total debt plus total shareholders' equity.
- Book value per share is calculated by dividing shareholders' equity by the sum of Class A and B shares outstanding and the remaining minimum shares that were to be issued from our tangible equity units for each period.
- "EBITDA" is a Non-GAAP measure and defined as net income less interest income, plus interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. A reconciliation of net income to EBITDA immediately follows.

## EBITDA RECONCILIATIONS

A reconciliation of net income to EBITDA is as follows:

	in millions, except ratio data				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net income	\$ 3,027	\$ 1,778	\$ 1,772	\$ 1,224	\$ 856
Less: Interest income	(7)	(7)	(6)	(9)	(7)
Add: Interest expense	350	279	249	293	132
Add: Income tax expense (benefit)	(282)	850	826	697	396
Add: Depreciation	723	642	617	609	494
Add: Amortization (a)	210	106	80	92	26
EBITDA	\$ 4,021	\$ 3,648	\$ 3,538	\$ 2,906	\$ 1,897

Total gross debt	\$ 9,873	\$ 10,203	\$ 6,279	\$ 6,690	\$ 8,128
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	(270)	(318)	(349)	(688)	(438)
Less: Short-term investments	(1)	(3)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Total net debt	\$ 9,602	\$ 9,882	\$ 5,926	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,689

### Ratio Calculations:

Gross debt/EBITDA	2.5x	2.8x	1.8x	2.3x	4.3x
Net debt/EBITDA	2.4x	2.7x	1.7x	2.1x	4.1x

(a) Excludes the amortization of debt issuance and debt discount expense of \$10 million, \$13 million, \$8 million, \$10 million and \$10 million for fiscal 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, as it is included in Interest expense.

EBITDA is defined as net income before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Net debt to EBITDA represents the ratio of our debt, net of cash and short-term investments, to EBITDA. EBITDA and net debt to EBITDA are presented as supplemental financial measurements in the evaluation of our business. We believe the presentation of these financial measures helps investors to assess our operating performance from period to period, including our ability to generate earnings sufficient to service our debt, enhances understanding of our financial performance and highlights operational trends. These measures are widely used by investors and rating agencies in the valuation, comparison, rating and investment recommendations of companies; however, the measurements of EBITDA and net debt to EBITDA may not be comparable to those of other companies, which limits their usefulness as comparative measures. EBITDA and net debt to EBITDA are not measures required by or calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and should not be considered as substitutes for net income or any other measure of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP or as a measure of operating cash flow or liquidity. EBITDA is a useful tool for assessing, but is not a reliable indicator of, our ability to generate cash to service our debt obligations because certain of the items added to net income to determine EBITDA involve outlays of cash. As a result, actual cash available to service our debt obligations will be different from EBITDA. Investors should rely primarily on our GAAP results, and use non-GAAP financial measures only supplementally, in making investment decisions.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY

We are one of the world's largest food companies and a recognized leader in protein. Founded in 1935 by John W. Tyson and grown under three generations of family leadership, the Company has a broad portfolio of products and brands like Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells®, ibp® and State Fair®. Some of the key factors influencing our business are customer demand for our products; the ability to maintain and grow relationships with customers and introduce new and innovative products to the marketplace; accessibility of international markets; market prices for our products; the cost and availability of live cattle and hogs, raw materials and feed ingredients; and operating efficiencies of our facilities.

We operate in four reportable segments: Beef, Pork, Chicken and Prepared Foods. Other primarily includes our foreign chicken production operations in China, third-party merger and integration costs and corporate overhead related to Tyson New Ventures, LLC.



In fiscal 2017, we acquired and consolidated AdvancePierre, a producer and distributor of value-added, convenient, ready-to-eat sandwiches, sandwich components and other entrées and snacks, and in fiscal 2018, we acquired Original Philly, a valued added protein business. The results from operations of these businesses are included in the Prepared Foods and Chicken segments. In fiscal 2018, we acquired Tecumseh, a vertically integrated value-added protein business, and American Proteins, a poultry rendering and blending operation as part of our strategic expansion and sustainability initiatives. The results from operations of these businesses are included in our Chicken segment. For further description of these transactions, refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

In fiscal 2018, we completed the sale of four non-protein businesses as part of our strategic focus on protein brands. All of these businesses were part of our Prepared Foods segment and included Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery, Kettle, Van's®, and TNT Crust and produced items such as frozen desserts, waffles, snack bars, soups, sauces, sides and pizza crusts. The sales included the Chef Pierre®, Bistro Collection®, Kettle Collection™, and Van's® brands, a license to use the Sara Lee® brand in various channels, as well as our Tarboro, North Carolina, Fort Worth, Texas, Traverse City, Michigan, and Green Bay, Wisconsin prepared foods facilities. For further description of these transactions, refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

## OVERVIEW

- Fiscal year – Our accounting cycle resulted in a 52-week year for fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016.
- General – Our fiscal 2018 operating income increased compared to fiscal 2017, as record Beef and Prepared Foods segment results were partially offset by a decline in Chicken and Pork segment margins. In fiscal 2018, our results were impacted by \$109 million of one-time cash bonus to frontline employees, as we continued to make investments in our talent, \$68 million impairment, net of realized gains, associated with the divestitures of non-protein businesses, and \$59 million of restructuring and related charges. Sales increased 5% in fiscal 2018 over fiscal 2017, primarily due to increased sales volumes and average sales prices in Beef, Chicken and Prepared Foods.
- Market Environment – According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), domestic protein production (beef, pork, chicken and turkey) increased approximately 2% in fiscal 2018 compared to fiscal 2017. We continue to monitor recent trade and tariff activity and its potential impact to exports and inputs costs across all of our segments. Currently, we are experiencing impacts to domestic and export prices, primarily chicken and pork, resulting from uncertainty in trade policies and increased tariffs. Additionally, all segments experienced increased freight and labor costs. We will pursue recovery of increased costs related to tariffs, freight and labor through pricing. The Beef segment experienced strong export demand and more favorable domestic market conditions associated with an increase in cattle supply. With excess domestic availability of pork products, the Pork segment experienced periods of challenging market conditions despite decreased input costs. Our Chicken segment also faced challenging market conditions associated with increased domestic availability of supply, sluggish demand, reduced export prices and higher feed ingredient costs. Our Prepared Foods segment continued its strong performance despite experiencing reduced volumes as we divested of certain non-protein businesses.
- Margins – Our total operating margin was 7.6% in fiscal 2018. Operating margins by segment were as follows:
  - Beef – 6.5%
  - Pork – 7.4%
  - Chicken – 7.2%
  - Prepared Foods – 10.0%
- Liquidity – We generated approximately \$3 billion of operating cash flows during fiscal 2018. At September 29, 2018, we had \$1.4 billion of liquidity, which included \$270 million of cash and cash equivalents and the availability under our revolving credit facility after deducting amounts outstanding under our commercial paper program.
- Strategy - Our strategy is to sustainably feed the world with the fastest growing protein brands. We intend to achieve our strategy as we: grow our business through differentiated capabilities; deliver ongoing financial fitness through continuous improvement; and sustain our company and our world for future generations.
  - During fiscal 2018, we acquired three operations for a total of approximately \$1.5 billion, net of cash acquired. These operations, which consisted of American Proteins Inc., a poultry rendering and blending operation, Tecumseh Poultry, LLC, a vertically integrated valued-added business, and Original Philly Holdings, Inc., a value-added protein business, were acquired as part of our growth and sustainability initiatives and our acquisition strategy of new brands, new capabilities, scale and synergy, and new geographies and markets. For further description refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisition and Dispositions.
  - During fiscal 2017, we acquired AdvancePierre, a producer and distributor of value-added, convenient, ready-to-eat sandwiches, sandwich components and other entrées and snacks, as part of our overall strategy. The purchase price was equal to \$40.25 per share in cash for AdvancePierre's outstanding common stock, or approximately \$3.2 billion. For further description refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisition and Dispositions.

- In August 2018, we reached a definitive agreement to buy the Keystone Foods business (“Keystone”) from Marfrig Global Foods for \$2.16 billion in cash. The anticipated acquisition of Keystone, a major supplier to the growing global foodservice industry, is our latest investment in the furtherance of our growth strategy and expansion of our value-added protein capabilities. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter or early second quarter of fiscal 2019 and is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals, however, there can be no assurance that the acquisition will close at such time. We expect the majority of Keystone’s domestic results to be included in the Chicken segment and its international results to be included in Other for segment presentation.
- During fiscal 2018, we sold four non-protein operations for net proceeds of \$805 million, as part of our strategic focus on protein brands. These operations, which were all part of our Prepared Foods segment, included Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery, Van’s®, Kettle and TNT Crust. For further description refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.
- In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017, our Board of Directors approved a multi-year restructuring program (the “Financial Fitness Program”), which is expected to contribute to the Company’s overall strategy of financial fitness through increased operational effectiveness and overhead reduction. Through a combination of synergies from the integration of business acquisitions and additional elimination of non-valued added costs, the program is focused on supply chain, procurement and overhead improvements, and net savings are expected to be realized in the Prepared Foods and Chicken segments.

The Financial Fitness Program included the elimination of approximately 550 positions across several areas and job levels with most of the eliminated positions originating from the corporate offices in Springdale, Arkansas; Chicago, Illinois; and Cincinnati, Ohio. As a result, the Company recognized restructuring and related charges of \$59 million and \$150 million, in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2017, respectively. In fiscal 2018, these charges consisted primarily of incremental costs to implement new technology and accelerated depreciation of technology assets. In fiscal 2017, these charges consisted of \$53 million severance and employee related costs, \$72 million technology impairment and related costs and \$25 million of contract termination costs. The Company currently anticipates the Financial Fitness Program will result in cumulative pretax charges, once implemented, of approximately \$253 million which consist primarily of severance and employee related costs, impairments and accelerated depreciation of technology assets, incremental costs to implement new technology, and contract termination costs. Through September 29, 2018, \$209 million of the estimated \$253 million total pretax charges, has been recognized. The majority of the remaining estimated charges are related to incremental costs to implement new technology. The following tables set forth the pretax impact of restructuring and related charges in the Consolidated Statements of Income and the pretax impact by our reportable segments. For further description refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 6: Restructuring and Related Charges.

				in millions	
				2018	2017
Cost of Sales	\$	—	\$		35
Selling, general and administrative expenses				59	115
Total restructuring and related charges, pretax	\$	59	\$		150

						in millions	
						Estimated future charges	Total estimated Financial Fitness Program charges
		2017 charges	2018 charges				
Beef	\$	8	\$	4	\$	6	\$ 18
Pork		3		1		3	7
Chicken		56		30		16	102
Prepared Foods		82		24		19	125
Other		1		—		—	1
Total restructuring and related charges, pretax	\$	150	\$	59	\$	44	\$ 253

in millions, except per share data

		2018		2017		2016
Net income attributable to Tyson	\$	3,024	\$	1,774	\$	1,768
Net income attributable to Tyson - per diluted share		8.19		4.79		4.53

**2018** – Included the following items:

- \$1,003 million post tax, or \$2.71 per diluted share, tax benefit from remeasurement of net deferred tax liabilities at lower enacted tax rates.
- \$109 million pretax, or (\$0.22) per diluted share, related to one-time cash bonus to frontline employees.
- \$68 million pretax, or (\$0.34) per diluted share, impairments net of realized gains associated with the divestitures of non-protein businesses.
- \$59 million pretax, or (\$0.12) per diluted share, of restructuring and related charges.

**2017** – Included the following items:

- \$103 million pretax, or (\$0.18) per diluted share, of AdvancePierre purchase accounting and acquisition related costs, which included a \$36 million purchase accounting adjustment for the amortization of the fair value step-up of inventory, \$49 million of acquisition related costs and \$18 million of acquisition bridge financing fees.
- \$150 million pretax, or (\$0.15) per diluted share, of restructuring and related charges.
- \$52 million pretax, or (\$0.09) per diluted share, impairment charge related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation.
- \$45 million pretax, or \$0.01 per diluted share, impairment net of tax benefit related to the expected sale of a non-protein business.

**2016** – Included the following items:

- \$53 million post tax, or \$0.14 per diluted share, related to recognition of previously unrecognized tax benefits and audit settlements.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Sales		2018		2017		2016
Sales	\$	40,052	\$	38,260	\$	36,881
Change in sales volume		2.5%		1.0%		
Change in average sales price		2.1%		2.7%		
Sales growth		4.7%		3.7%		

**2018 vs. 2017** –

- **Sales Volume** – Sales were positively impacted by an increase in sales volume, which accounted for an increase of \$1,041 million. The Beef, Chicken and Prepared Foods segments had an increase in sales volume driven by strong demand for our beef products and incremental volumes from business acquisitions in the Chicken and Prepared Foods segments net of business divestitures in the Prepared Foods segment.
- **Average Sales Price** – Sales were positively impacted by higher average sales prices, which accounted for an increase of \$751 million. All segments had an increase in average sales price, other than the Pork segment. The Beef segment experienced strong demand, while the Chicken and Prepared Foods segments were positively impacted by improved mix and business acquisitions net of business divestitures in the Prepared Foods segment.
- The above amounts included an incremental impact of \$1,060 million related to the inclusion of the AdvancePierre results post acquisition through the first anniversary of the acquisition on June 7, 2018.

**2017 vs. 2016** –

- **Sales Volume** – Sales were positively impacted by an increase in sales volume, which accounted for an increase of \$477 million. Each segment had an increase in sales volume with the Beef and Prepared Foods segments contributing to the majority of the increase driven by better demand for our beef products and incremental volumes from the acquisition of AdvancePierre.
- **Average Sales Price** – Sales were positively impacted by higher average sales prices, which accounted for an increase of \$902 million. Each segment had an increase in average sales price with the Pork, Chicken and Prepared Foods segments contributing to the majority of the increase due to strong demand for our pork products, improved mix and higher chicken pricing in our Chicken segment and better product mix in our Prepared Foods segment which was positively impacted by the acquisition of AdvancePierre.
- The above amounts include a net increase of \$508 million related to the inclusion of AdvancePierre results post acquisition.

**Cost of Sales**

in millions

	2018		2017		2016
Cost of sales	\$	34,926	\$	33,177	\$ 32,184
Gross profit		5,126		5,083	4,697
Cost of sales as a percentage of sales		87.2%		86.7%	87.3%

**2018 vs. 2017 –**

- Cost of sales increased \$1,749 million. Higher input cost per pound increased cost of sales \$918 million while higher sales volume increased cost of sales \$831 million. These amounts include an incremental impact of \$797 million related to the inclusion of AdvancePierre results post acquisition through the first anniversary of the acquisition on June 7, 2018.
  - The \$918 million impact of higher input cost per pound was primarily driven by:
    - Increase in freight of approximately \$270 million incurred across all our segments.
    - Increase from one-time cash bonus to frontline employees of \$108 million.
    - Increase due to impairment charges of \$101 million associated with the divestiture of a non-protein business in fiscal 2018, partially offset by \$33 million of realized gains related to the sale of non-protein businesses in fiscal 2018 and impairment charges of \$44 million related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation in fiscal 2017.
    - Increase of approximately \$52 million in our Chicken segment related to net increases in feed ingredient costs, growout expenses and outside meat purchases.
    - Decrease in live cattle costs of approximately \$25 million in our Beef segment.
    - Decrease in live hog costs of approximately \$90 million in our Pork segment.
    - Decrease due to net realized derivative losses of \$30 million for fiscal 2018, compared to net realized derivative loss of \$79 million for fiscal 2017 due to our risk management activities. These amounts exclude offsetting impacts from related physical purchase transactions, which are included in the change in live cattle and hog costs and raw material and feed costs described above. Additionally, cost of sales decreased due to net unrealized losses of \$3 million for fiscal 2018, compared to net unrealized losses of \$40 million for fiscal 2017, primarily due to our Beef segment commodity risk management activities.
    - Remaining net change across all of our segments was primarily driven by increased operating costs and impacts on average input cost per pound from mix changes as well as from business acquisitions and divestitures.
  - The \$831 million impact of higher sales volume was driven by increases in sales volume in our Beef, Chicken and Prepared Foods segments, partially offset by a decrease in sales volume in our Pork segment.

**2017 vs. 2016 –**

- Cost of sales increased \$993 million. Higher input cost per pound increased cost of sales \$588 million while higher sales volume increased cost of sales \$405 million. These amounts include a net increase of \$425 million related to the inclusion of AdvancePierre results post acquisition, which included \$36 million from the fair value step-up of inventory as part of purchase accounting.
  - The \$588 million impact of higher input cost per pound was primarily driven by:
    - Increase of approximately \$170 million in our Chicken segment related to increase in freight, growout expenses and outside meat purchases, partially offset by a decrease in feed costs of \$80 million.
    - Increase due to impairment charges of \$44 million related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation and \$45 million related to the expected sale of a non-protein business, in addition to an increase of \$17 million related to net costs associated with fires at two chicken plants.
    - Increase in raw material and other input costs of approximately \$50 million in our Prepared Foods segment.
    - Increase in live hog costs of approximately \$40 million in our Pork segment.
    - Increase of \$35 million related to restructuring and related charges.
    - Increase in input cost per pound related to the acquisition of AdvancePierre on June 7, 2017.
    - Increase due to net realized derivative losses of \$79 million for fiscal 2017, compared to net realized derivative gains of \$96 million for fiscal 2016 due to our risk management activities. These amounts exclude offsetting impacts from related physical purchase transactions, which are included in the change in live cattle and hog costs and raw material and feed costs described above. Additionally, cost of sales increased due to net unrealized losses of \$40 million for fiscal 2017, compared to net unrealized gains of \$11 million for fiscal 2016, primarily due to our Beef segment commodity risk management activities.
    - Decrease in live cattle costs of approximately \$600 million in our Beef segment.

- Remainder of net change is mostly due to increased cost per pound from a mix upgrade in the Chicken segment as we increased sales volume in value-added products as well as increased operating costs, freight, and plant variances across all segments, which also included \$71 million of compensation and benefit integration expense.
- The \$405 million impact of higher sales volume was driven by increases in sales volume in all segments, with the majority of the increase in the Beef and Prepared Foods segment.

#### Selling, General and Administrative

in millions

		2018		2017		2016
Selling, general and administrative	\$	2,071	\$	2,152	\$	1,864
As a percentage of sales		5.2%		5.6%		5.1%

#### 2018 vs. 2017

- Decrease of \$81 million in selling, general and administrative was primarily driven by:
  - Decrease of \$92 million in employee costs primarily from stock-based and incentive-based compensation, which also included a reduction of \$24 million compensation and benefit integration expense incurred in fiscal 2017 that did not recur in fiscal 2018.
  - Decrease of \$56 million from restructuring and related charges.
  - Decrease of \$49 million in AdvancePierre acquisition related fees incurred as part of the acquisition in fiscal 2017 that did not recur in fiscal 2018.
  - Decrease of \$18 million in commission and brokerage fees.
  - Decrease of \$14 million in non-restructuring severance related expenses.
  - Decrease of \$10 million in marketing, advertising, and promotion expense.
  - Increase of \$153 million related to the AdvancePierre acquisition through the first anniversary of the acquisition on June 7, 2018, which included \$91 million in incremental amortization and \$62 million from the inclusion of AdvancePierre results post-acquisition.
  - Increase of \$15 million from technology related costs.
  - Remainder of net change was primarily related to reduction in professional fees.

#### 2017 vs. 2016 –

- Increase of \$288 million in selling, general and administrative was primarily driven by:
  - Increase of \$124 million related to the AdvancePierre acquisition, which was composed of \$49 million in acquisition related costs, \$37 million in incremental amortization and \$38 million from the inclusion of AdvancePierre results post-acquisition.
  - Increase of \$115 million from restructuring and related charges.
  - Increase of \$53 million in employee costs including \$34 million in non-restructuring severance related expenses and \$24 million compensation and benefit integration expense, which was partially offset by reduced incentive-based compensation.
  - Increase of \$8 million due to an impairment related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation.
  - Remainder of net change was primarily related to professional fees.

#### Interest Income

in millions

		2018		2017		2016
	\$	(7)	\$	(7)	\$	(6)

**2018 / 2017 / 2016** – Interest income remained relatively flat as lower deposit levels offset higher interest rates.

#### Interest Expense

in millions

		2018		2017		2016
Cash interest expense	\$	357	\$	278	\$	248
Non-cash interest (expense) income		(7)		1		1
Total Interest Expense	\$	350	\$	279	\$	249

#### 2018 / 2017 / 2016 –

- Cash interest expense primarily included interest expense related to our senior notes, term loans and commercial paper. The increase in cash interest expense in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2017 was primarily due to debt issued in connection with business acquisitions and higher interest rates.

- Non-cash interest expense primarily included amounts related to the amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts/premiums on note issuances, offset by interest capitalized.

#### Other (Income) Expense, net

in millions

	2018	2017	2016
	\$ (33)	\$ 31	\$ (8)

**2018** – Included \$21 million of equity earnings in joint ventures and \$11 million in insurance proceeds.

**2017** – Included \$28 million of legal costs related to two former subsidiaries of Hillshire Brands, which were sold by Hillshire Brands in 1986 and 1994. Also, included \$18 million of bridge financing fees related to the AdvancePierre acquisition and \$19 million of income from equity earnings in joint ventures.

**2016** – Included \$12 million of equity earnings in joint ventures and \$4 million in net foreign currency exchange losses.

#### Effective Tax Rate

	2018	2017	2016
	(10.3)%	32.3%	31.8%

Our effective income tax rate was (10.3)% for fiscal 2018 compared to 32.3% for fiscal 2017. The effective tax rate for fiscal 2018 reflects impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law on December 22, 2017. These impacts include a \$1,004 million benefit related to the remeasurement of deferred taxes existing at the date of enactment, which reduced the fiscal year effective tax rate by 36.6%, as well as a 24.5% statutory federal income tax rate for fiscal 2018 compared to the 35% statutory federal income tax rate effective for the prior year. Additionally, current year favorable timing differences currently deductible at the 24.5% blended tax rate, but reversing in future years at 21%, reduced the fiscal 2018 rate 1.3%. The non-deductible impairment and sale of certain assets in our non-protein businesses increased the fiscal 2018 rate 3.1%.

The fiscal 2018 effective tax rate also includes a 1.7% benefit related to domestic production activity deduction which is less than the 3.1% benefit in fiscal 2017, primarily due to the lower enacted federal tax rate. The fiscal 2018 effective tax rate includes 3.3% expense for state taxes, net of federal tax benefit, compared to 2.3% in fiscal 2017. This increase is also due in part to the lower enacted federal tax rate.

The fiscal 2017 effective tax rate was 32.3% compared to 31.8% in fiscal 2016. This change was due in part to 1.7% benefit for unrecognized tax benefits activity in fiscal 2016 that didn't recur in fiscal 2017, partially offset by more favorable domestic production activity deduction and state income taxes in 2017.

We currently expect an annual effective tax rate of approximately 23.5% in 2019. For further description of drivers for these rates refer to Part I, Item 1, Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements, Note 9: Income Taxes.

#### SEGMENT RESULTS

We operate in four reportable segments: Beef, Pork, Chicken, and Prepared Foods. Other primarily includes our foreign chicken production operations in China and India, third-party merger and integration costs and corporate overhead related to Tyson New Ventures, LLC.

In fiscal 2017, we acquired and consolidated AdvancePierre, a producer and distributor of value-added, convenient, ready-to-eat sandwiches, sandwich components and other entrées and snacks, and in fiscal 2018, we acquired Original Philly, a valued added protein business. The results from operations of these businesses are included in the Prepared Foods and Chicken segments. In fiscal 2018, we acquired Tecumseh, a vertically integrated value-added protein business, and American Proteins, a poultry rendering and blending operation as part of our strategic expansion and sustainability initiatives. The results from operations of these businesses are included in our Chicken segment. For further description of these transactions, refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

In fiscal 2018, we completed the sale of four non-protein businesses as part of our strategic focus on protein brands. All of these businesses were part of our Prepared Foods segment and included Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery, Kettle, Van's®, and TNT Crust and produced items such as frozen desserts, waffles, snack bars, soups, sauces, sides and pizza crusts. The sales included the Chef Pierre®, Bistro Collection®, Kettle Collection™, and Van's® brands, a license to use the Sara Lee® brand in various channels, as well as our Tarboro, North Carolina, Fort Worth, Texas, Traverse City, Michigan, and Green Bay, Wisconsin prepared foods facilities. For further description of these transactions, refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

The following table is a summary of segment sales and operating income (loss), which is how we measure segment income (loss).

										in millions

#### Beef Segment Results

Beef Segment Results							in millions			
		2018	2017	Change 2018 vs. 2017	2016	Change 2017 vs. 2016				
Sales	\$	15,473	\$	14,823	\$	650	\$	14,513	\$	310
Sales Volume Change						3.1%				1.8%
Average Sales Price Change						1.2%				0.4%
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	1,013	\$	877	\$	136	\$	347	\$	530
Operating Margin		6.5%		5.9%				2.4%		

#### 2018 vs. 2017 –

- **Sales Volume** – Sales volume increased due to improved availability of cattle supply, stronger demand for our beef products and increased exports.
- **Average Sales Price** – Average sales price increased as demand for our beef products and strong exports outpaced the increase in live cattle supplies.
- **Operating Income** – Operating income increased as we continued to maximize our revenues relative to live fed cattle costs, partially offset by increased labor and freight costs and one-time cash bonus to frontline employees of \$27 million.

#### 2017 vs. 2016 –

- **Sales Volume** – Sales volume increased due to improved availability of cattle supply, stronger domestic demand for our beef products and increased exports.
- **Average Sales Price** – Average sales price increased as demand for our beef products and strong exports outpaced the increase in live cattle supplies.
- **Operating Income** – Operating income increased due to more favorable market conditions as we maximized our revenues relative to the decline in live fed cattle costs, partially offset by higher operating costs.

#### Pork Segment Results

Pork Segment Results							in millions	
	2018	2017	Change 2018 vs. 2017		2016	Change 2017 vs. 2016		
Sales	\$ 4,879	\$ 5,238	\$ (359)	\$ 4,909	\$ 329			
Sales Volume Change			(2.1)%				0.6%	
Average Sales Price Change			(4.8)%				6.1%	
Operating Income	\$ 361	\$ 645	\$ (284)	\$ 528	\$ 117			
Operating Margin	7.4%	12.3%		10.8%				

#### 2018 vs. 2017 –

- **Sales Volume** – Sales volume decreased as a result of balancing our supply with customer demand during a period of margin compression.
- **Average Sales Price** – The average sales price decrease was associated with lower livestock costs.
- **Operating Income** – Operating income decreased from prior year record results due to periods of compressed pork margins caused by excess domestic availability of pork, higher labor and freight costs, and one-time cash bonus to frontline employees of \$12 million.

**2017 vs. 2016 –**

- **Sales Volume** – Sales volume increased due to strong demand for our pork products and increased exports.
- **Average Sales Price** – Average sales price increased as demand for our pork products and strong exports outpaced the increase in live hog supplies.
- **Operating Income** – Operating income increased as we maximized our revenues relative to the live hog markets, partially attributable to stronger export markets and operational and mix performance, which were partially offset by higher operating costs.

**Chicken Segment Results**

in millions

	2018	2017	Change 2018 vs. 2017	2016	Change 2017 vs. 2016
Sales	\$ 12,044	\$ 11,409	\$ 635	\$ 10,927	\$ 482
Sales Volume Change			4.9%		1.2%
Average Sales Price Change			0.7%		3.1%
Operating Income	\$ 866	\$ 1,053	\$ (187)	\$ 1,305	\$ (252)
Operating Margin	7.2%	9.2%		11.9%	

**2018 vs. 2017 –**

- **Sales Volume** – Sales volume increased primarily due to incremental volume from business acquisitions.
- **Average Sales Price** – Average sales price increased due to sales mix changes and price increases associated with cost inflation.
- **Operating Income** – Operating income decreased due to increased labor, freight and growout expenses, in addition to \$103 million of higher feed ingredient costs and net realized and mark-to-market derivative losses, and one-time cash bonus to frontline employees of \$51 million.

**2017 vs. 2016 –**

- **Sales Volume** – Sales volume was up due to better demand for our chicken products along with the incremental volume from the AdvancePierre acquisition.
- **Average Sales Price** – Average sales price increased due to sales mix changes.
- **Operating Income** – Operating income for fiscal 2017 was below prior year record results due to higher operating costs, which included increased compensation and benefit integration expense of \$41 million, \$17 million of incremental net costs attributable to two plant fires, in addition to restructuring and related charges of \$56 million, partially offset with lower feed ingredient costs of approximately \$80 million.

**Prepared Foods Segment Results**

in millions

	2018	2017	Change 2018 vs. 2017	2016	Change 2017 vs. 2016
Sales	\$ 8,668	\$ 7,853	\$ 815	\$ 7,346	\$ 507
Sales Volume Change			4.1%		3.2%
Average Sales Price Change			6.1%		3.6%
Operating Income	\$ 868	\$ 462	\$ 406	\$ 734	\$ (272)
Operating Margin	10.0%	5.9%		10.0%	

**2018 vs. 2017 –**

- **Sales Volume** – Sales volume increased primarily due to incremental volume from business acquisitions net of business divestitures. Excluding the impact of the business divestitures, sales volumes in fiscal 2018 increased by 9.8%.
- **Average Sales Price** – Average sales price increased due to product mix which was positively impacted by business acquisitions and divestitures.
- **Operating Income** – Operating income increased due to improved mix and net incremental results from business acquisitions, net of divestitures, partially offset by higher input and freight costs and one-time cash bonus to frontline employees of \$19 million. Additionally, operating income was impacted in fiscal 2018 by \$68 million of impairments, net of realized gains, related to the divestitures of non-protein businesses. For fiscal 2017, operating income was impacted from \$34 million of AdvancePierre purchase accounting and acquisition related costs, \$97 million of impairments related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation and the expected sale of a non-protein business, \$30 million of compensation and benefits integration expense and \$82 million of restructuring and related charges.

**2017 vs. 2016 –**

- **Sales Volume** – Sales volume increased due to improved demand for our retail products and incremental volumes from the AdvancePierre acquisition, partially offset by declines in foodservice.



- **Average Sales Price** – Average sales price increased due to better product mix which was positively impacted by the acquisition of AdvancePierre as well as higher input costs of \$50 million.
- **Operating Income** – Operating income decreased due to impairments of \$52 million related to our San Diego operation and of \$45 million related to the expected sale of a non-protein business, \$30 million of compensation and benefit integration expense, \$34 million related to AdvancePierre purchase accounting and acquisition related costs, \$82 million of restructuring and related charges, in addition to higher operating costs at some of our facilities. Additionally, Prepared Foods operating income was positively impacted by \$538 million in cost savings, of which \$97 million was incremental savings in fiscal 2017 above the \$156 million of savings realized in fiscal 2016 and \$285 million realized in fiscal 2015. The positive impact of these savings to operating income was partially offset with investments in innovation, new product launches and supporting the growth of our brands.

## Other Results

in millions

	2018	2017	Change 2018 vs. 2017	2016	Change 2017 vs. 2016
Sales	\$ 305	\$ 349	\$ (44)	\$ 380	\$ (31)
Operating Loss	(53)	(106)	53	(81)	(25)

### 2018 vs. 2017 –

- **Sales** – Sales decreased due to a decline in sales volume in our foreign chicken production operations.
- **Operating loss** – Operating loss improved primarily from lower third-party merger and integration costs.

### 2017 vs. 2016 –

- **Sales** – Sales decreased due to a decline in average sales price and foreign produced sales volume.
- **Operating loss** – Operating loss increased primarily from \$43 million of AdvancePierre third-party acquisition related costs, partially offset by better performance at our China operation and reduced other merger and integration costs outside of AdvancePierre.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our cash needs for working capital, capital expenditures, growth opportunities, the repurchases of senior notes, repayment of term loans and share repurchases are expected to be met with current cash on hand, cash flows provided by operating activities, or short-term borrowings. Based on our current expectations, we believe our liquidity and capital resources will be sufficient to operate our business. However, we may take advantage of opportunities to generate additional liquidity or refinance existing debt through capital market transactions. The amount, nature and timing of any capital market transactions will depend on our operating performance and other circumstances; our then-current commitments and obligations; the amount, nature and timing of our capital requirements; any limitations imposed by our current credit arrangements; and overall market conditions.

## Cash Flows from Operating Activities

in millions

	2018	2017	2016
Net income	\$ 3,027	\$ 1,778	\$ 1,772
Non-cash items in net income:			
Depreciation and amortization	943	761	705
Deferred income taxes	(865)	(39)	84
Gain on dispositions of businesses	(42)	—	—
Impairment of assets	175	214	45
Stock-based compensation expense	69	92	81
Other, net	(58)	(57)	(34)
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities	(286)	(150)	63
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 2,963	\$ 2,599	\$ 2,716

- Deferred income taxes for fiscal 2018 included a \$1,004 million benefit related to remeasurement of net deferred income tax liabilities at newly enacted tax rates.
- Gain on dispositions of businesses in fiscal 2018 primarily relates to the sale of the Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery, Kettle, Van's® and TNT Crust businesses.
- Impairment of assets included the following:

- **2018** – \$101 million impairment related to the expected sale of a non-protein business. For further description regarding this charge refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.
- **2017** – Included a \$73 million impairment of assets associated with restructuring and related charges, \$45 million impairment related to the expected sale of a non-protein business and an impairment of \$51 million related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation. For further description regarding these charges refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions, Note 6: Restructuring and Related Charges and Note 10: Other Income and Charges.
- Cash flows associated with changes in operating assets and liabilities:
  - **2018** – Decreased primarily due to increased inventory and decreased accrued employee costs, partially offset by increased income taxes payable. The increase in inventory is primarily due to livestock inventories. The decrease in accrued salaries and wages are primarily due to reduced restructuring and incentive-based compensation accruals. Increased taxes payable is due to timing of payments related to the sale of non-protein businesses in the fourth quarter.
  - **2017** – Decreased primarily due to higher accounts receivable and inventory, partially offset by increased accounts payable and increased accrued salaries and wages. The higher accounts receivable, inventory and accounts payable balances are primarily attributable to price increases associated with higher input costs and the timing of sales and payments. The increase in accrued salaries and wages is primarily attributable to the restructuring accrual. For further description regarding this accrual refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 6: Restructuring and Related Charges.
  - **2016** – Increased primarily due to decreased inventory and accounts receivable balances and increased accrual for incentive compensation, which were partially offset by decreased accounts payable, increased tax receivable and contributions to pension plans. The decreased inventory, accounts receivable and accounts payable balances were largely due to decreased raw material costs and timing of sales and payments.
- Incremental tax reform cash flow in fiscal 2018 was \$274 million which we invested in our frontline team members to sustainably grow our businesses. As part of this, we recognized expense of \$109 million in one-time cash bonuses to our frontline employees.

#### Cash Flows from Investing Activities

in millions

	2018	2017	2016
Additions to property, plant and equipment	\$ (1,200)	\$ (1,069)	\$ (695)
(Purchases of)/Proceeds from marketable securities, net	(5)	(18)	(9)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(1,474)	(3,081)	—
Proceeds from sale of businesses	797	—	—
Other, net	(24)	4	20
Net cash used for investing activities	\$ (1,906)	\$ (4,164)	\$ (684)

- Additions to property, plant and equipment included spending for production growth, safety and animal well-being, in addition to acquiring new equipment, infrastructure replacements and upgrades to maintain competitive standing and position us for future opportunities.
  - Capital spending for fiscal 2019 is expected to approximate \$1.5 billion and will include spending for production growth, safety, animal well-being, infrastructure replacements and upgrades, and operational improvements that will result in production and labor efficiencies, yield improvements and sales channel flexibility.
- Purchases of marketable securities included funding for our deferred compensation plans.
- Acquisitions, net of cash acquired, included:
  - 2018 - We acquired three valued-added protein businesses in fiscal 2018. For further description regarding these acquisitions refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.
  - 2017 - We acquired AdvancePierre in the third quarter of fiscal 2017. For further description of this acquisition refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.
- Proceeds from sale of businesses related to the proceeds received from sale of our non-protein businesses during fiscal 2018. For further description refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.
- In August 2018, the Company announced it had reached a definitive agreement to buy the Keystone business from Marfrig Global Foods for \$2.16 billion in cash. Refer to further description regarding this transaction under Part II, Item 8, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

**Cash Flows from Financing Activities**

in millions

	2018	2017	2016
Payments on debt	\$ (1,307)	\$ (3,159)	\$ (714)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	1,148	5,444	1
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	1,755	1,810	1,065
Payments on revolving credit facility	(1,755)	(2,110)	(765)
Proceeds from issuance of commercial paper	21,024	8,138	—
Repayments of commercial paper	(21,197)	(7,360)	—
Payment of AdvancePierre TRA liability	—	(223)	—
Purchases of Tyson Class A common stock	(427)	(860)	(1,944)
Dividends	(431)	(319)	(216)
Stock options exercised	102	154	128
Other, net	(14)	15	68
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	\$ (1,102)	\$ 1,530	\$ (2,377)

- Payments on debt included:
  - 2018 – We extinguished the \$750 million outstanding balance of the Term Loan Tranche B due August 2020, which was increased during fiscal 2018 by \$250 million, using cash on hand and proceeds from the issuance of Senior Notes due 2023 and 2048. We extinguished the \$427 million outstanding balance of the Term Loan Tranche B due August 2019 using cash on hand and proceeds received from the sale of our Kettle business. We extinguished the \$120 million outstanding balance of the Senior Notes due May 2018 using cash on hand.
  - 2017 – We extinguished \$1,146 million of AdvancePierre's debt, which we assumed in the acquisition, and fully retired the \$1,800 million term loan tranche due June 2020, which was issued as part of the AdvancePierre acquisition financing.
  - 2016 – We fully retired the \$638 million outstanding balance of our 6.60% senior notes due April 2016.
- Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt and borrowings/payments on revolving credit facility:
  - 2018 – Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt included a \$250 million increase in our Term Loan Tranche B due August 2020, primarily to fund an acquisition. Subsequently, proceeds from issuance of long-term debt included \$400 million Senior Notes due 2023 and \$500 million Senior Notes due 2048, which were primarily used to extinguish our Term Loan Tranche B due August 2020 and to repay commercial paper obligations.
  - 2017 – Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt included a \$1,800 million term loan and \$2,743 million from senior unsecured notes after original issue discounts of \$7 million, to fund the AdvancePierre acquisition. In addition, proceeds from issuance of long-term debt included \$899 million of senior unsecured notes after original issue discounts of \$1 million that was used to repay amounts outstanding under the term loan tranche due June 2020. We had net payments on our revolving credit facility of \$300 million in fiscal 2017, which was used for general corporate purposes.
  - 2016 – We had borrowings of \$1,065 million and payments of \$765 million on our revolving credit facility for fiscal 2016. We utilized our revolving credit facility to balance our cash position with the retirement of the 2016 Notes and changes in working capital. Additionally, total debt of our foreign subsidiaries was \$7 million at October 1, 2016, \$6 million of which is classified as long-term in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- Proceeds from issuance and repayment of short-term debt in the form of commercial paper:
  - 2018 – We had net repayments of \$173 million to our unsecured short-term promissory notes (commercial paper) pursuant to our commercial paper program.
  - 2017 – We had net issuances of \$778 million in unsecured short-term promissory notes pursuant to our commercial paper program. We used the net proceeds from the commercial paper program as partial financing for the AdvancePierre acquisition and for general corporate purposes.
- Payments on TRA obligation in the acquisition of AdvancePierre:
  - 2017 – AdvancePierre Tax Receivable Agreement (TRA) liability of \$223 million was paid to its former shareholders as a result of our assumption of this obligation in the acquisition of AdvancePierre.
- Purchases of Tyson Class A common stock included:
  - \$350 million, \$797 million, and \$1,868 million for shares repurchased pursuant to our share repurchase program in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
  - \$77 million, \$63 million and \$76 million for shares repurchased to fund certain obligations under our equity compensation plans in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Dividends paid during fiscal 2018 included a 33% increase to our fiscal 2017 quarterly dividend rate.

- Other, net in fiscal 2016 includes tax benefits associated with stock option exercises.
- Keystone acquisition financing - In August 2018, the Company announced it had reached a definitive agreement to buy the Keystone business from Marfrig Global Foods for \$2.16 billion in cash. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter or early second quarter of fiscal 2019 and is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals, however, there can be no assurance that the acquisition will close at such time. Permanent financing for the Keystone acquisition is expected to include a mix of senior notes, term loans, commercial paper and cash on hand.

## Liquidity

in millions

	Commitments Expiration Date	Facility Amount	Outstanding Letters of Credit (no draw downs)	Outstanding Amount Borrowed	Amount Available
Cash and cash equivalents				\$	270
Short-term investments					1
Revolving credit facility	March 2023	\$ 1,750	\$ —	\$ —	1,750
Commercial Paper					(605)
Total liquidity				\$	1,416

- Liquidity includes cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and availability under our revolving credit facility, less outstanding commercial paper balance.
- At September 29, 2018, we had current debt of \$1,911 million, which we intend to repay with cash generated from our operating activities and other liquidity sources.
- The revolving credit facility supports our short-term funding needs and also serves to backstop our commercial paper program. Our maximum borrowing under the revolving credit facility during fiscal 2018 was \$325 million.
- We expect net interest expense will approximate \$350 million for fiscal 2019.
- At September 29, 2018, \$256 million of our cash was held in the international accounts of our foreign subsidiaries. Generally, we do not rely on the foreign cash as a source of funds to support our ongoing domestic liquidity needs. We manage our worldwide cash requirements by reviewing available funds among our foreign subsidiaries and the cost effectiveness with which those funds can be accessed. We intend to repatriate excess cash (net of applicable withholding taxes) not subject to regulatory requirements and to indefinitely reinvest outside of the United States the remainder of cash held by foreign subsidiaries. We do not expect the regulatory restrictions or taxes on repatriation to have a material effect on our overall liquidity, financial condition or the results of operations for the foreseeable future.
- Our ratio of short-term assets to short-term liabilities ("current ratio") was 1.13 to 1 and 1.55 to 1 at September 29, 2018, and September 30, 2017, respectively. The decrease in fiscal 2018 was due to increased balance of current debt.

## Capital Resources

### Credit Facility

Cash flows from operating activities and current cash on hand are our primary sources of liquidity for funding debt service, capital expenditures, dividends and share repurchases. We also have a revolving credit facility, with a committed capacity of \$1.75 billion, to provide additional liquidity for working capital needs and to backstop our commercial paper program.

As of September 29, 2018, we had no outstanding borrowings under this facility, which left \$1.75 billion available for borrowing, before deducting amounts to backstop our commercial paper program. Our revolving credit facility is funded by a syndicate of 39 banks, with commitments ranging from \$0.3 million to \$123 million per bank. The syndicate includes bank holding companies that are required to be adequately capitalized under federal bank regulatory agency requirements.

### Commercial Paper Program

Our commercial paper program provides a low-cost source of borrowing to fund general corporate purposes including working capital requirements. The maximum borrowing capacity under the commercial paper program is \$1 billion. The maturities of the notes may vary, but may not exceed 397 days from the date of issuance. As of September 29, 2018, \$605 million was outstanding under this program with maturities less than 25 days.

### Capitalization

To monitor our credit ratings and our capacity for long-term financing, we consider various qualitative and quantitative factors. We monitor the ratio of our net debt to EBITDA as support for our long-term financing decisions. At September 29, 2018, and September 30, 2017, the ratio of our net debt to EBITDA was 2.4x and 2.7x, respectively. Refer to Part II, Item 6, Selected Financial Data, for an explanation and reconciliation to comparable GAAP measures. The decrease in this ratio for fiscal 2018 is due to a decrease in net debt of \$280 million and an increase in EBITDA of \$373 million.

## Credit Ratings

### Revolving Credit Facility

Standard & Poor's Rating Services', a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business ("S&P") corporate credit rating for Tyson Foods, Inc. is "BBB." Moody's Investor Service, Inc.'s ("Moody's"), senior unsecured, long-term debt rating for Tyson Foods, Inc. is "Baa2." Fitch Ratings', a wholly owned subsidiary of Fimlac, S.A. ("Fitch") issuer default rating for Tyson Foods, Inc. is "BBB." The below table outlines the fees paid on the unused portion of the facility (Facility Fee Rate) and letter of credit fees (Undrawn Letter of Credit Fee and Borrowing Spread) depending on the rating levels of Tyson Foods, Inc. from S&P, Moody's and Fitch.

Ratings Level (S&P/Moody's/Fitch)	Facility Fee Rate	All-in Borrowing Spread
A-/A3/A- or above	0.090%	1.000%
BBB+/Baa1/BBB+	0.100%	1.125%
BBB/Baa2/BBB (current level)	0.125%	1.250%
BBB-/Baa3/BBB-	0.175%	1.375%
BB+/Ba1/BB+ or lower	0.225%	1.625%

In the event the rating levels are split, the applicable fees and spread will be based upon the rating level in effect for two of the rating agencies, or, if all three rating agencies have different rating levels, the applicable fees and spread will be based upon the rating level that is between the rating levels of the other two rating agencies.

### **Debt Covenants**

Our revolving credit and term loan facilities contain affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens and encumbrances; incur debt; merge, dissolve, liquidate or consolidate; make acquisitions and investments; dispose of or transfer assets; change the nature of our business; engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and enter into hedging transactions, in each case, subject to certain qualifications and exceptions. In addition, we are required to maintain minimum interest expense coverage and maximum debt-to-capitalization ratios.

Our senior notes also contain affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens; engage in certain sale/leaseback transactions; and engage in certain consolidations, mergers and sales of assets.

We were in compliance with all debt covenants at September 29, 2018 .

### **Pension Plans**

As further described in Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 15: Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits, the funded status of our defined benefit pension plans is defined as the amount the projected benefit obligation exceeds the plan assets. The funded status of the plans is an underfunded position of \$ 162 million at the end of fiscal 2018 as compared to an underfunded position of \$195 million at the end of fiscal 2017 .

We expect to contribute approximately \$15 million of cash to our pension plans in fiscal 2019 as compared to approximately \$29 million in fiscal 2018 and \$53 million in fiscal 2017 . The exact amount of cash contributions made to pension plans in any year is dependent upon a number of factors, including minimum funding requirements. As a result, the actual funding in fiscal 2019 may be different from the estimate.

### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements material to our financial position or results of operations. The off-balance sheet arrangements we have are guarantees of debt of outside third parties, including leases and grower loans, and residual value guarantees covering certain operating leases for various types of equipment. See Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 20: Commitments and Contingencies for further discussion.

## CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of September 29, 2018 :

in millions

	Payments Due by Period					Total
	2019	2020-2021	2022-2023	2024 and thereafter		
Debt and capital lease obligations:						
Principal payments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,911	\$ 1,548	\$ 1,412	\$ 5,056	\$	9,927
Interest payments <sup>(2)</sup>	360	617	517	2,606		4,100
Guarantees <sup>(3)</sup>	20	46	38	15		119
Operating lease obligations <sup>(4)</sup>	128	160	69	61		418
Purchase obligations <sup>(5)</sup>	1,422	1,083	172	111		2,788
Capital expenditures <sup>(6)</sup>	1,071	761	—	—		1,832
Other long-term liabilities <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—		604
Total contractual commitments	\$ 4,912	\$ 4,215	\$ 2,208	\$ 7,849	\$	19,788

<sup>(1)</sup> In the event of a default on payment, acceleration of the principal payments could occur.

<sup>(2)</sup> Interest payments include interest on all outstanding debt. Payments are estimated for variable rate and variable term debt based on effective interest rates at September 29, 2018 , and expected payment dates.

<sup>(3)</sup> Amounts include guarantees of debt of outside third parties, which consist of leases and grower loans, all of which are substantially collateralized by the underlying assets, as well as residual value guarantees covering certain operating leases for various types of equipment. The amounts included are the maximum potential amount of future payments.

<sup>(4)</sup> Amounts include minimum lease payments under lease agreements.

<sup>(5)</sup> Amounts include agreements to purchase goods or services that are enforceable and legally binding and specify all significant terms, including: fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased; fixed, minimum or variable price provisions; and the approximate timing of the transaction. The purchase obligations amount included items, such as future purchase commitments for grains, livestock contracts and grower fees, that provide terms that meet the above criteria. For certain grain purchase commitments with a fixed quantity provision, we have assumed the future obligations under the commitment based on available commodity futures prices as published in observable active markets as of September 29, 2018 . We have excluded future purchase commitments for contracts that do not meet these criteria. Purchase orders are not included in the table, as a purchase order is an authorization to purchase and is cancelable. Contracts for goods or services that contain termination clauses without penalty have also been excluded.

<sup>(6)</sup> Amounts include estimated amounts to complete buildings and equipment under construction as of September 29, 2018 .

<sup>(7)</sup> Other long-term liabilities primarily consist of deferred compensation, deferred income, self-insurance, and asset retirement obligations. We are unable to reliably estimate the amount of these payments beyond fiscal 2018; therefore, we have only included the total liability in the table above. We also have employee benefit obligations consisting of pensions and other postretirement benefits of \$233 million that are excluded from the table above. A discussion of the Company's pension and postretirement plans, including funding matters, is included in Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 15: Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits.

In addition to the amounts shown above in the table, we have unrecognized tax benefits of \$288 million and related interest and penalties of \$73 million at September 29, 2018 , recorded as liabilities.

The potential maximum contractual obligation associated with our cash flow assistance programs at September 29, 2018 , based on the estimated fair values of the livestock supplier's net tangible assets on that date, aggregated to approximately \$300 million . After analyzing residual credit risks and general market conditions, we had no allowance for these programs' estimated uncollectible receivables at September 29, 2018 .

## RECENTLY ISSUED/ADOPTED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Refer to the discussion under Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 1: Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Note 2: Changes in Accounting Principles.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of certain accounting estimates we consider critical.

Description	Judgments and Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results Differ From Assumptions
<b>Contingent liabilities</b>		
We are subject to lawsuits, investigations and other claims related to wage and hour/labor, environmental, product, taxing authorities and other matters, and are required to assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes to these matters, as well as potential ranges of probable losses.	Our contingent liabilities contain uncertainties because the eventual outcome will result from future events, and determination of current reserves requires estimates and judgments related to future changes in facts and circumstances, differing interpretations of the law and assessments of the amount of damages, and the effectiveness of strategies or other factors beyond our control.	We have not made any material changes in the accounting methodology used to establish our contingent liabilities during the past three fiscal years.
A determination of the amount of reserves and disclosures required, if any, for these contingencies is made after considerable analysis of each individual issue. We accrue for contingent liabilities when an assessment of the risk of loss is probable and can be reasonably estimated. We disclose contingent liabilities when the risk of loss is reasonably possible or probable.		We do not believe there is a reasonable likelihood there will be a material change in the estimates or assumptions used to calculate our contingent liabilities. However, if actual results are not consistent with our estimates or assumptions, we may be exposed to gains or losses that could be material.
<b>Marketing, advertising and promotion costs</b>		
We promote our products with marketing, advertising, trade promotions, and consumer incentives. These programs include, but are not limited to, coupons, discounts, rebates, volume-based incentives, cooperative advertising, and other programs.	Recognition of the costs related to these programs contains uncertainties due to judgment required in estimating the potential performance, utilization and redemption rates of each program.	We have not made any material changes in the accounting methodology used to establish our marketing, advertising, and promotion accruals during the past three fiscal years.
Marketing, advertising, and promotion costs are charged to operations in the period incurred. We accrue costs based on the estimated performance, historical utilization and redemption rates of each program.	These estimates are based on many factors, including experience of similar promotional programs.	We do not believe there is a reasonable likelihood there will be a material change in the estimates or assumptions used to calculate our marketing, advertising, and promotion accruals. However, if actual results are not consistent with our estimates or assumptions, we may be exposed to gains or losses that could be material.
Cash consideration given to customers is considered a reduction in the price of our products, thus recorded as a reduction to sales. The remainder of marketing, advertising and promotion costs is recorded as a selling, general and administrative expense.		A 10% change in our marketing, advertising, and promotion accruals at September 29, 2018, would impact pretax earnings by approximately \$22 million.
<b>Accrued self-insurance</b>		
We are self-insured for certain losses related to health and welfare, workers' compensation, auto liability and general liability claims.	Our self-insurance liability contains uncertainties due to assumptions required and judgment used.	We have not made any material changes in the accounting methodology used to establish our self-insurance liability during the past three fiscal years.
We use an independent third-party actuary to assist in determining our self-insurance liability. We and the actuary consider a number of factors when estimating our self-insurance liability, including claims experience, demographic factors, severity factors and other actuarial assumptions.	Costs to settle our obligations, including legal and healthcare costs, could increase or decrease causing estimates of our self-insurance liability to change.	We do not believe there is a reasonable likelihood there will be a material change in the estimates or assumptions used to calculate our self-insurance liability. However, if actual results are not consistent with our estimates or assumptions, we may be exposed to gains or losses that could be material.
We periodically review our estimates and assumptions with our third-party actuary to assist us in determining the adequacy of our self-insurance liability. Our policy is to maintain an accrual at the actuarial estimated median.	Incident rates, including frequency and severity, could increase or decrease causing estimates in our self-insurance liability to change.	A 10% change in the actuarial estimate at September 29, 2018, would impact our self-insurance liability by approximately \$30 million.

Description	Judgments and Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results Differ From Assumptions
<b>Defined benefit pension plans</b>		
<p>We sponsor nine defined benefit pension plans that provide retirement benefits to certain employees. Currently we are in the process of liquidating five of our nine defined benefit pension plans. We also participate in a multi-employer plan that provides defined benefits to certain employees covered by collective bargaining agreements. Such plans are usually administered by a board of trustees composed of the management of the participating companies and labor representatives.</p>	<p>Our defined benefit pension plans contain uncertainties due to assumptions required and judgments used.</p>	<p>We have not made any material changes in the accounting methodology used to establish our pension obligations and net periodic benefit cost during the past three fiscal years.</p>
<p>We use independent third-party actuaries to assist us in determining our pension obligations and net periodic benefit cost. We and the actuaries review assumptions that include estimates of the present value of the projected future pension payment to all plan participants, taking into consideration the likelihood of potential future events such as salary increases and demographic experience. We accumulate and amortize the effect of actuarial gains and losses over future periods.</p>	<p>The key assumptions used in developing the required estimates include such factors as discount rates, expected returns on plan assets, retirement rates, and mortality. These assumptions can have a material impact upon the funded status and the net periodic benefit cost. The expected liquidation of certain plans has been considered along with these assumptions.</p>	<p>We do not believe there is a reasonable likelihood there will be a material change in the estimates or assumptions used to calculate our pension obligations and net periodic benefit cost. However, if actual results are not consistent with our estimates or assumptions, they are accumulated and amortized over future periods and, therefore generally affect the net periodic benefit cost in future periods.</p>
<p>Net periodic benefit cost for the defined benefit pension plans was \$13 million in fiscal 2018. The projected benefit obligation was \$1,612 million at the end of fiscal 2018. Unrecognized actuarial gain was \$65 million at the end of fiscal 2018. We currently expect net periodic benefit cost for fiscal 2019 to be approximately \$11 million, excluding the pending settlement as described in Note 15: Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits.</p>	<p>The discount rates were determined using a cash flow matching technique whereby the rates of a yield curve, developed from high-quality debt securities, were applied to the benefit obligations to determine the appropriate discount rate. In determining the long-term rate of return on plan assets, we first examined historical rates of return for the various asset classes within the plans. We then determined a long-term projected rate-of-return based on expected returns. Investment, management and other fees paid out of plan assets are factored into the determination of asset return assumptions. Retirement rates are based primarily on actual plan experience, while standard actuarial tables are used to estimate mortality.</p>	<p>A 1% increase in the discount rate at September 29, 2018, would result in a decrease in the projected benefit obligation and net periodic benefit cost of approximately \$167 million and \$19 million, respectively. A 1% decrease in the discount rate at September 29, 2018, would result in an increase in the projected benefit obligation and net periodic benefit cost of approximately \$204 million and \$1 million, respectively.</p>
<p>Plan assets are currently comprised of approximately 99% fixed income securities. Fixed income securities can include, but are not limited to, direct bond investments and pooled or indirect bond investments.</p>	<p>It is reasonably likely that changes in external factors will result in changes to the assumptions used to measure pension obligations and net periodic benefit cost in future periods.</p>	<p>A 1% change in the return on plan assets at September 29, 2018, would impact the net periodic benefit cost by approximately \$14 million.</p>
<p>We expect to contribute approximately \$15 million of cash to our pension plans in fiscal 2019. The exact amount of cash contributions made to pension plans in any year is dependent upon a number of factors, including minimum funding requirements.</p>	<p>The risks of participating in multi-employer plans are different from single-employer plans. The net pension cost of the multi-employer plans is equal to the annual contribution determined in accordance with the provisions of negotiated labor contracts. Assets contributed to such plans are not segregated or otherwise restricted to provide benefits only to our employees. The future cost of these plans is dependent on a number of factors including the funded status of the plans and the ability of the other participating companies to meet ongoing funding obligations.</p>	<p>The sensitivities reflect the impact of changing one assumption at a time with the remaining assumptions held constant. Economic factors and conditions often affect multiple assumptions simultaneously and that the effect of changes in assumptions are not necessarily linear.</p>



Description	Judgments and Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results Differ From Assumptions
<b>Income taxes</b>		
<p>We estimate total income tax expense based on statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available to us in various jurisdictions in which we earn income.</p>	<p>Changes in tax laws and rates could affect recorded deferred tax assets and liabilities in the future.</p>	<p>We do not believe there is a reasonable likelihood there will be a material change in the tax related balances or valuation allowances. However, due to the complexity of some of these uncertainties, the ultimate resolution may result in a payment that is materially different from the current estimate of the tax liabilities.</p>
<p>Income tax includes an estimate for withholding taxes on earnings of foreign subsidiaries expected to be remitted to the United States but does not include an estimate for taxes on earnings considered to be indefinitely invested in the foreign subsidiary.</p>	<p>Changes in projected future earnings could affect the recorded valuation allowances in the future.</p>	<p>To the extent we prevail in matters for which unrecognized tax benefit liabilities have been established, or are required to pay amounts in excess of our recorded unrecognized tax benefit liabilities, our effective tax rate in a given financial statement period could be materially affected. An unfavorable tax settlement would require use of our cash and generally result in an increase in our effective tax rate in the period of resolution. A favorable tax settlement would generally be recognized as a reduction in our effective tax rate in the period of resolution.</p>
<p>Deferred income taxes are recognized for the future tax effects of temporary differences between financial and income tax reporting using tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse.</p>	<p>Our calculations related to income taxes contain uncertainties due to judgment used to calculate tax liabilities in the application of complex tax regulations across the tax jurisdictions where we operate.</p>	
<p>Valuation allowances are recorded when it is likely a tax benefit will not be realized for a deferred tax asset.</p>	<p>Our analysis of unrecognized tax benefits contains uncertainties based on judgment used to apply the more likely than not recognition and measurement thresholds.</p>	
<p>We record unrecognized tax benefit liabilities for known or anticipated tax issues based on our analysis of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes will be due.</p>		
<b>Impairment of long-lived assets and definite life intangibles</b>		
<p>Long-lived assets and definite life intangibles are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Examples include a significant adverse change in the extent or manner in which we use the asset, a change in its physical condition, or an unexpected change in financial performance.</p>	<p>Our impairment analysis contains uncertainties due to judgment in assumptions, including useful lives and intended use of assets, observable market valuations, forecasted sales, operating margins, growth rates, royalty rates and discount rates based on budgets, business plans, economic projections, anticipated future cash flows and marketplace data that reflects the risk inherent in future cash flows to determine fair value.</p>	<p>We have not made any material changes in the accounting methodology used to evaluate the impairment of long-lived assets or definite life intangibles during the last three fiscal years.</p>
<p>When evaluating long-lived assets and definite life intangibles for impairment, we compare the carrying value of the asset to the asset's estimated undiscounted future cash flows. An impairment is indicated if the estimated future cash flows are less than the carrying value of the asset. For assets held for sale, we compare the carrying value of the disposal group to fair value. The impairment is the excess of the carrying value over the fair value of the asset.</p>		<p>We do not believe there is a reasonable likelihood there will be a material change in the estimates or assumptions used to calculate impairments or useful lives of long-lived assets or definite life intangibles. However, if actual results are not consistent with our estimates and assumptions used to calculate estimated future cash flows, we may be exposed to impairment losses that could be material.</p>
<p>We recorded impairment charges related to long-lived assets and definite life intangibles of \$175 million, \$214 million and \$45 million, in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.</p>		<p>We periodically conduct projects to strategically evaluate optimization of such items as network capacity, manufacturing efficiencies and business technology. Additionally, we continue to evaluate our international operations and strategies. If we have a significant change in strategies, outlook, or a manner in which we plan to use these assets, we may be exposed to future impairments.</p>

Description	Judgments and Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results Differ From Assumptions
<b>Impairment of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets</b>		
<p>Goodwill is evaluated for impairment by first performing a qualitative assessment to determine whether a quantitative goodwill test is necessary. If it is determined, based on qualitative factors, the fair value of the reporting unit may be more likely than not less than its carrying amount or if significant changes to macro-economic factors related to the reporting unit have occurred that could materially impact fair value, a quantitative goodwill impairment test would be required. The quantitative test compares the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. Additionally, we can elect to forgo the qualitative assessment and perform the quantitative test. Upon performing the quantitative test, if the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess, not to exceed the carrying amount of goodwill.</p> <p>For indefinite life intangible assets, a qualitative assessment can also be performed to determine whether the existence of events and circumstances indicates it is more likely than not an intangible asset is impaired. Similar to goodwill, we can also elect to forgo the qualitative test for indefinite life intangible assets and perform the quantitative test. Upon performing the quantitative test, if the carrying value of the intangible asset exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. We elected to forgo the qualitative assessment on our indefinite life intangible assets for the fiscal 2018 impairment test.</p> <p>We have elected to make the first day of the fourth quarter the annual impairment assessment date for goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets. However, we could be required to evaluate the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets prior to the required annual assessment if, among other things, we experience disruptions to the business, unexpected significant declines in operating results, divestiture of a significant component of the business or a sustained decline in market capitalization.</p>	<p>We estimate the fair value of our reporting units considering the use of various valuation techniques, with the primary technique being an income approach (discounted cash flow analysis), which uses significant unobservable inputs, or Level 3 inputs, as defined by the fair value hierarchy and requires us to make various judgmental assumptions about sales, operating margins, growth rates and discount rates.</p> <p>We include assumptions about sales, operating margins and growth rates which consider our budgets, business plans and economic projections, and are believed to reflect market participant views which would exist in an exit transaction. Assumptions are also made for varying perpetual growth rates for periods beyond the long-term business plan period. Generally, we utilize operating margin assumptions based on future expectations and operating margins historically realized in the reporting units' industries.</p> <p>The fair value of our indefinite life intangible assets is calculated principally using relief-from-royalty and multi-period excess earnings valuation approaches, which uses significant unobservable inputs, or Level 3 inputs, as defined by the fair value hierarchy, and is believed to reflect market participant views which would exist in an exit transaction. Under these valuation approaches, we are required to make estimates and assumptions about sales, operating margins, growth rates, royalty rates and discount rates based on budgets, business plans, economic projections, anticipated future cash flows and marketplace data.</p> <p>Our impairment analysis contains uncertainties due to uncontrollable events that could positively or negatively impact the anticipated future economic and operating conditions.</p>	<p>We have not made any material changes in the accounting methodology used to evaluate impairment of goodwill and intangible assets during the last three years.</p> <p>During fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, all of our material reporting units that underwent a quantitative test passed the goodwill impairment analysis.</p> <p>Some of the inherent estimates and assumptions used in determining fair value of the reporting units and indefinite life intangible assets are outside the control of management, including interest rates, cost of capital, tax rates, market EBITDA comparables and credit ratings. While we believe we have made reasonable estimates and assumptions to calculate the fair value of the reporting units and indefinite life intangibles, it is possible a material change could occur. If our actual results are not consistent with our estimates and assumptions used to calculate fair value, it could result in additional material impairments of our goodwill.</p> <p>All of our material reporting units' estimated fair value exceeded their carrying value by more than 20% at the date of their most recent estimated fair value determination. Consequently, we do not currently consider any of our material reporting units at significant risk of impairment.</p> <p>The discount rate used in our annual goodwill impairment test increased to 6.9% in fiscal 2018 from 6.7% in fiscal 2017. Discount rates continue to be low compared to historical levels. A 40% increase in the discount rate would have caused the carrying value of one of our reporting units, with \$6,141 million of goodwill at September 29, 2018 and the least headroom during the fiscal 2018 test, to exceed its discounted cash flows' fair value.</p> <p>Our fiscal 2018, 2017, and 2016 indefinite life intangible assets impairment analysis did not result in an impairment charge. All indefinite life intangible assets' estimated fair value exceeded their carrying value by more than 20% at the date of their most recent estimated fair value determination. Consequently, we do not currently consider any of our material indefinite life intangible assets at significant risk of impairment.</p> <p>The discount rate used in our annual indefinite life intangible assets impairment test was 8.2% in fiscal 2018. A 20% increase in the discount rate would have caused the carrying value of one intangible asset, which has a carrying value of \$301 million, to exceed fair value.</p>

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk relating to our operations results primarily from changes in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates, as well as credit risk concentrations. To address certain of these risks, we enter into various derivative transactions as described below. If a derivative instrument is accounted for as a hedge, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of the instrument either will be offset against the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities or firm commitments through earnings, or be recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of an instrument's change in fair value is recognized immediately. Additionally, we hold certain positions, primarily in grain and livestock futures that either do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting or are not designated as hedges. With the exception of normal purchases and normal sales that are expected to result in physical delivery, we record these positions at fair value, and the unrealized gains and losses are reported in earnings at each reporting date. Changes in market value of derivatives used in our risk management activities relating to forward sales contracts are recorded in sales. Changes in market value of derivatives used in our risk management activities surrounding inventories on hand or anticipated purchases of inventories are recorded in cost of sales. Changes in market value of derivatives used in our risk management activities related to interest rates are recorded in interest expense.

The sensitivity analyses presented below are the measures of potential losses of fair value resulting from hypothetical changes in market prices related to commodities. Sensitivity analyses do not consider the actions we may take to mitigate our exposure to changes, nor do they consider the effects such hypothetical adverse changes may have on overall economic activity. Actual changes in market prices may differ from hypothetical changes.

**Commodities Risk:** We purchase certain commodities, such as grains and livestock in the course of normal operations. As part of our commodity risk management activities, we use derivative financial instruments, primarily futures and options, to reduce the effect of changing prices and as a mechanism to procure the underlying commodity. However, as the commodities underlying our derivative financial instruments can experience significant price fluctuations, any requirement to mark-to-market the positions that have not been designated or do not qualify as hedges could result in volatility in our results of operations. Contract terms of a hedge instrument closely mirror those of the hedged item providing a high degree of risk reduction and correlation. Contracts designated and highly effective at meeting this risk reduction and correlation criteria are recorded using hedge accounting. The following table presents a sensitivity analysis resulting from a hypothetical change of 10% in market prices as of September 29, 2018, and September 30, 2017, on the fair value of open positions. The fair value of such positions is a summation of the fair values calculated for each commodity by valuing each net position at quoted futures prices. The market risk exposure analysis included hedge and non-hedge derivative financial instruments.

Effect of 10% change in fair value		in millions	
		2018	2017
Livestock:			
Live Cattle	\$	12	\$ 23
Lean Hogs		4	16
Grain:			
Corn		26	17
Soy Meal		26	13

**Interest Rate Risk:** At September 29, 2018, we had variable rate debt of \$ 1,655 million with a weighted average interest rate of 2.6%. A hypothetical 10% increase in interest rates effective at September 29, 2018, and September 30, 2017, would have a minimal effect on interest expense.

Additionally, changes in interest rates impact the fair value of our fixed-rate debt. At September 29, 2018, we had fixed-rate debt of \$ 8,218 million with a weighted average interest rate of 4.1%. Market risk for fixed-rate debt is estimated as the potential increase in fair value, resulting from a hypothetical 10% decrease in interest rates. A hypothetical 10% decrease in interest rates would have increased the fair value of our fixed-rate debt by approximately \$ 207 million at September 29, 2018, and \$150 million at September 30, 2017. The fair values of our debt were estimated based on quoted market prices and/or published interest rates.

In fiscal 2018, as part of our risk management activities, we executed derivative financial instruments in the form of interest rate swaps, to hedge a portion of our exposure to changes in interest rates. At September 29, 2018, the total notional amount of interest rate swaps remaining outstanding was \$400 million. A hypothetical 10% decrease in interest rates would have a minimal effect on interest expense.

We are subject to interest rate risk associated with our pension and post-retirement benefit obligations. Changes in interest rates impact the liabilities associated with these benefit plans as well as the amount of income or expense recognized for these plans. Declines in the value of the plan assets could diminish the funded status of the pension plans and potentially increase the requirements to make cash contributions to these plans. See Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 15: Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits for additional information.

**Foreign Currency Risk:** We have foreign exchange exposure from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates primarily as a result of certain receivable and payable balances. The primary currencies we have exposure to are the Brazilian real, the British pound sterling, the Canadian dollar, the Chinese renminbi, the European euro, the Japanese yen and the Mexican peso. We periodically enter into foreign exchange forward and option contracts to hedge some portion of our foreign currency exposure. A hypothetical 10% change in foreign exchange rates effective at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , related to the foreign exchange forward and option contracts would have a \$9 million and \$7 million impact, respectively, on pretax income.

**Concentrations of Credit Risk:** Our financial instruments exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash equivalents and trade receivables. Our cash equivalents are in high quality securities placed with major banks and financial institutions. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to receivables are limited due to our large number of customers and their dispersion across geographic areas. We perform periodic credit evaluations of our customers' financial condition and generally do not require collateral. At September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , 18.6% of our net accounts receivable balance was due from Walmart Inc. No other single customer or customer group represented greater than 10% of net accounts receivable.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

**TYSON FOODS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

		Three years ended September 29, 2018		
		in millions, except per share data		
		2018	2017	2016
Sales	\$	40,052	\$ 38,260	\$ 36,881
Cost of Sales		34,926	33,177	32,184
Gross Profit		5,126	5,083	4,697
Selling, General and Administrative		2,071	2,152	1,864
Operating Income		3,055	2,931	2,833
Other (Income) Expense:				
Interest income		(7)	(7)	(6)
Interest expense		350	279	249
Other, net		(33)	31	(8)
Total Other (Income) Expense		310	303	235
Income before Income Taxes		2,745	2,628	2,598
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)		(282)	850	826
Net Income		3,027	1,778	1,772
Less: Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests		3	4	4
Net Income Attributable to Tyson	\$	3,024	\$ 1,774	\$ 1,768
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding:				
Class A Basic		295	296	315
Class B Basic		70	70	70
Diluted		369	370	390
Net Income Per Share Attributable to Tyson:				
Class A Basic	\$	8.44	\$ 4.94	\$ 4.67
Class B Basic	\$	7.59	\$ 4.45	\$ 4.24
Diluted	\$	8.19	\$ 4.79	\$ 4.53

See accompanying notes.

**TYSON FOODS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

Three years ended September 29, 2018				
in millions				
	2018	2017	2016	
Net Income	\$ 3,027	\$ 1,778	\$ 1,772	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Taxes:				
Derivatives accounted for as cash flow hedges	(7)	—	(1)	
Investments	(1)	(1)	—	
Currency translation	(29)	6	4	
Postretirement benefits	(7)	56	42	
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Taxes	(44)	61	45	
Comprehensive Income	2,983	1,839	1,817	
Less: Comprehensive Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	3	4	4	
Comprehensive Income Attributable to Tyson	\$ 2,980	\$ 1,835	\$ 1,813	

See accompanying notes.

**TYSON FOODS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

September 29, 2018, and September 30, 2017  
in millions, except share and per share data  
2018 2017

<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	270	\$ 318
Accounts receivable, net		1,723	1,675
Inventories		3,513	3,239
Other current assets		182	219
Assets held for sale		—	807
Total Current Assets		5,688	6,258
Net Property, Plant and Equipment		6,169	5,568
Goodwill		9,739	9,324
Intangible Assets, net		6,759	6,243
Other Assets		754	673
Total Assets	\$	29,109	\$ 28,066
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>			
Current Liabilities:			
Current debt	\$	1,911	\$ 906
Accounts payable		1,694	1,698
Other current liabilities		1,426	1,424
Liabilities held for sale		—	4
Total Current Liabilities		5,031	4,032
Long-Term Debt		7,962	9,297
Deferred Income Taxes		2,107	2,979
Other Liabilities		1,198	1,199
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 20)			
Shareholders' Equity:			
Common stock (\$0.10 par value):			
Class A-authorized 900 million shares, issued 378 million shares		38	38
Convertible Class B-authorized 900 million shares, issued 70 million shares		7	7
Capital in excess of par value		4,387	4,378
Retained earnings		12,329	9,776
Accumulated other comprehensive gain (loss)		(15)	16
Treasury stock, at cost – 82 million shares at September 29, 2018 and 80 million shares at September 30, 2017		(3,943)	(3,674)
Total Tyson Shareholders' Equity		12,803	10,541
Noncontrolling Interests		8	18
Total Shareholders' Equity		12,811	10,559
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	29,109	\$ 28,066

See accompanying notes.

**TYSON FOODS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Three years ended September 29, 2018  
in millions

	2018		2017		2016	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class A Common Stock:						
Balance at beginning of year	378	\$ 38	364	\$ 36	346	\$ 35
Issuance of Class A common stock	—	—	14	2	18	1
Balance at end of year	378	38	378	38	364	36
Class B Common Stock:						
Balance at beginning and end of year	70	7	70	7	70	7
Capital in Excess of Par Value:						
Balance at beginning of year		4,378		4,355		4,307
Stock-based compensation		9		23		48
Balance at end of year		4,387		4,378		4,355
Retained Earnings:						
Balance at beginning of year		9,776		8,348		6,813
Net income attributable to Tyson		3,024		1,774		1,768
Dividends		(458)		(346)		(233)
Reclass from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax <sup>(1)</sup>		(13)		—		—
Balance at end of year		12,329		9,776		8,348
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax:						
Balance at beginning of year		16		(45)		(90)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		(44)		61		45
Reclass to Retained Earnings <sup>(1)</sup>		13		—		—
Balance at end of year		(15)		16		(45)
Treasury Stock:						
Balance at beginning of year	80	(3,674)	73	(3,093)	47	(1,381)
Purchase of Class A common stock	6	(427)	14	(860)	32	(1,944)
Stock-based compensation	(4)	158	(7)	279	(6)	232
Balance at end of year	82	(3,943)	80	(3,674)	73	(3,093)
Total Shareholders' Equity Attributable to Tyson		\$ 12,803		\$ 10,541		\$ 9,608
Equity Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests:						
Balance at beginning of year		\$ 18		\$ 16		\$ 15
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		3		4		4
Distributions to noncontrolling interest		(3)		(2)		(3)
Net foreign currency translation adjustment and other		(10)		—		—
Total Equity Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests		\$ 8		\$ 18		\$ 16
Total Shareholders' Equity		\$ 12,811		\$ 10,559		\$ 9,624

<sup>(1)</sup> Reclass from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the Tax Act, following adoption of the applicable new accounting standard. Refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 2: Changes in Accounting Principles.

See accompanying notes.



**TYSON FOODS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

Three years ended September 29, 2018

in millions

	2018	2017	2016
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$ 3,027	\$ 1,778	\$ 1,772
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	723	642	617
Amortization	220	119	88
Deferred income taxes	(865)	(39)	84
Gain on dispositions of businesses	(42)	—	—
Impairment of assets	175	214	45
Share-based compensation expense	69	92	81
Other, net	(58)	(57)	(34)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(2)	(55)	73
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(207)	(246)	148
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(44)	61	(130)
Increase (decrease) in income taxes payable/receivable	111	55	(19)
Increase (decrease) in interest payable	(3)	16	(1)
Net changes in other operating assets and liabilities	(141)	19	(8)
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	2,963	2,599	2,716
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(1,200)	(1,069)	(695)
Purchases of marketable securities	(42)	(79)	(46)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	37	61	37
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(1,474)	(3,081)	—
Proceeds from sale of businesses	797	—	—
Other, net	(24)	4	20
Cash Used for Investing Activities	(1,906)	(4,164)	(684)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:			
Payments on debt	(1,307)	(3,159)	(714)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	1,148	5,444	1
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	1,755	1,810	1,065
Payments on revolving credit facility	(1,755)	(2,110)	(765)
Proceeds from issuance of commercial paper	21,024	8,138	—
Repayments of commercial paper	(21,197)	(7,360)	—
Payment of AdvancePierre TRA liability	—	(223)	—
Purchases of Tyson Class A common stock	(427)	(860)	(1,944)
Dividends	(431)	(319)	(216)
Stock options exercised	102	154	128
Other, net	(14)	15	68
Cash (Used for) Provided by Financing Activities	(1,102)	1,530	(2,377)
Effect of Exchange Rate Change on Cash	(3)	4	6
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(48)	(31)	(339)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	318	349	688
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 270	\$ 318	\$ 349

See accompanying notes.

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**TYSON FOODS, INC.**

**NOTE 1: BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Description of Business:** Tyson Foods, Inc. (collectively, “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our”), is one of the world's largest food companies and a recognized leader in protein. Founded in 1935 by John W. Tyson and grown under three generations of family leadership, the Company has a broad portfolio of products and brands like Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells®, ibp® and State Fair®. We innovate continually to make protein more sustainable, tailor food for everywhere it’s available and raise the world’s expectations for how much good food can do.

**Consolidation:** The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of all wholly-owned subsidiaries, as well as majority-owned subsidiaries over which we exercise control and, when applicable, entities for which we have a controlling financial interest or variable interest entities for which we are the primary beneficiary. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Fiscal Year:** We utilize a 52- or 53-week accounting period ending on the Saturday closest to September 30. The Company’s accounting cycle resulted in a 52-week year for fiscal 2018 , fiscal 2017 , and fiscal 2016 .

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:** Cash equivalents consist of investments in short-term, highly liquid securities having original maturities of three months or less, which are made as part of our cash management activity. The carrying values of these assets approximate their fair values. We primarily utilize a cash management system with a series of separate accounts consisting of lockbox accounts for receiving cash, concentration accounts where funds are moved to, and several zero-balance disbursement accounts for funding payroll, accounts payable, livestock procurement, grower payments, etc. As a result of our cash management system, checks issued, but not presented to the banks for payment, may result in negative book cash balances. These negative book cash balances are included in accounts payable and other current liabilities. At September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , checks outstanding in excess of related book cash balances totaled approximately \$220 million and \$237 million , respectively.

**Accounts Receivable:** We record accounts receivable at net realizable value. This value includes an appropriate allowance for estimated uncollectible accounts to reflect any loss anticipated on the accounts receivable balances and charged to the provision for doubtful accounts. We calculate this allowance based on our history of write-offs, level of past due accounts and relationships with and economic status of our customers. At September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , our allowance for uncollectible accounts was \$19 million and \$34 million , respectively. We generally do not have collateral for our receivables, but we do periodically evaluate the credit worthiness of our customers.

**Inventories:** Processed products, livestock and supplies and other are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost includes purchased raw materials, live purchase costs, growout costs (primarily feed, grower pay and catch and haul costs), labor and manufacturing and production overhead, which are related to the purchase and production of inventories.

In fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2017, 63% of the cost of inventories was determined by the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method. The remaining cost of inventories for both years is determined by the weighted-average method.

The following table reflects the major components of inventory at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 :

	in millions	
	2018	2017
Processed products	\$ 1,981	\$ 1,947
Livestock	1,006	874
Supplies and other	526	418
Total inventory	\$ 3,513	\$ 3,239

**Property, Plant and Equipment:** Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost and generally depreciated on a straight-line method over the estimated lives for buildings and leasehold improvements of 10 to 33 years , machinery and equipment of three to 12 years and land improvements and other of three to 20 years . Major repairs and maintenance costs that significantly extend the useful life of the related assets are capitalized. Normal repairs and maintenance costs are charged to operations.

We review the carrying value of long-lived assets at each balance sheet date if indication of impairment exists. Recoverability is assessed using undiscounted cash flows based on historical results and current projections of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. We measure impairment as the excess of carrying value over the fair value of an asset. The fair value of an asset is generally measured using discounted cash flows including market participant assumptions of future operating results and discount rates.

**Goodwill and Intangible Assets:** Definite life intangibles are initially recorded at fair value and amortized over the estimated period of benefit. Brands and trademarks are generally amortized using the straight-line method over 20 years or less. Customer relationships and supply arrangements are generally amortized over seven to 20 years based on the pattern of revenue expected to be generated from the use of the asset. Amortization expense is generally recognized in selling, general, and administrative expense. We review the carrying value of definite life intangibles at each balance sheet date if indication of impairment exists. Recoverability is assessed using undiscounted cash flows based on historical results and current projections of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. We measure impairment as the excess of carrying value over the fair value of the definite life intangible asset. We use various valuation techniques to estimate fair value, with the primary techniques being discounted cash flows, relief-from-royalty and multi-period excess earnings valuation approaches, which use significant unobservable inputs, or Level 3 inputs, as defined by the fair value hierarchy. Under these valuation approaches, we are required to make estimates and assumptions about sales, operating margins, growth rates, royalty rates and discount rates based on budgets, business plans, economic projections, anticipated future cash flows and marketplace data.

Goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets are initially recorded at fair value and not amortized, but are reviewed for impairment at least annually or more frequently if impairment indicators arise. Our goodwill is allocated by reporting unit and is evaluated for impairment by first performing a qualitative assessment to determine whether a quantitative goodwill test is necessary. If it is determined, based on qualitative factors, the fair value of the reporting unit may be more likely than not less than carrying amount, or if significant changes to macro-economic factors related to the reporting unit have occurred that could materially impact fair value, a quantitative goodwill impairment test would be required. Additionally, we can elect to forgo the qualitative assessment and perform the quantitative test. The quantitative test is to identify if a potential impairment exists by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds the fair value, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess, not to exceed the carrying amount of goodwill.

We estimate the fair value of our reporting units using a combination of various valuation techniques, including an income approach (discounted cash flow analysis) and market approaches (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization or "EBITDA" multiples of comparable publicly-traded companies and precedent transactions). Our primary technique is discounted cash flow analysis. These approaches use significant unobservable inputs, or Level 3 inputs, as defined by the fair value hierarchy and requires us to make various judgmental assumptions about sales, operating margins, growth rates and discount rates which consider our budgets, business plans and economic projections, and are believed to reflect market participant views which would exist in an exit transaction. Assumptions are also made for varying perpetual growth rates for periods beyond the long-term business plan period. Generally, we utilize normalized operating margin assumptions based on future expectations and operating margins historically realized in the reporting units' industries.

Some of the inherent estimates and assumptions used in determining fair value of the reporting units are outside the control of management, including interest rates, cost of capital, tax rates, market EBITDA comparables and credit ratings. While we believe we have made reasonable estimates and assumptions to calculate the fair value of the reporting units, it is possible a material change could occur. If our actual results are not consistent with our estimates and assumptions used to calculate fair value, it could result in additional material impairments of our goodwill.

The discount rate used in our annual goodwill impairment test increased to 6.9% in fiscal 2018 from 6.7% in fiscal 2017 .

During fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , the fair value of each of our material reporting units' exceeded its carrying value.

For our indefinite life intangible assets, a qualitative assessment can also be performed to determine whether the existence of events and circumstances indicates it is more likely than not an intangible asset is impaired. Similar to goodwill, we can also elect to forgo the qualitative test for indefinite life intangible assets and perform the quantitative test. Upon performing the quantitative test, if the carrying value of the intangible asset exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess.

The fair value of our indefinite life intangible assets is calculated principally using relief-from-royalty and multi-period excess earnings valuation approaches, which use significant unobservable inputs, or Level 3 inputs, as defined by the fair value hierarchy, and is believed to reflect market participant views which would exist in an exit transaction. Under these valuation approaches, we are required to make estimates and assumptions about sales, operating margins, growth rates, royalty rates and discount rates based on budgets, business plans, economic projections, anticipated future cash flows and marketplace data. During fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , the fair value of each of our indefinite life intangible assets exceeded its carrying value. The discount rate used in our indefinite life intangible test increased to 8.2% in fiscal 2018 from 7.9% in fiscal 2017 .

**Investments:** We have investments in joint ventures and other entities. We generally use the cost method of accounting when our voting interests are less than 20 percent. We use the equity method of accounting when our voting interests are in excess of 20 percent and we do not have a controlling interest or a variable interest in which we are the primary beneficiary. Investments in joint ventures and other entities are reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets in Other Assets.

We also have investments in marketable debt securities. We have determined all of our marketable debt securities are available-for-sale investments. These investments are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices as of the balance sheet date, with unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, recorded in other comprehensive income.

The amortized cost of debt securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity. Such amortization is recorded in interest income. The cost of securities sold is based on the specific identification method. Realized gains and losses on the sale of debt securities and declines in value judged to be other than temporary are recorded on a net basis in other income. Interest and dividends on securities classified as available-for-sale are recorded in interest income.

**Accrued Self-Insurance:** We use a combination of insurance and self-insurance mechanisms in an effort to mitigate the potential liabilities for health and welfare, workers' compensation, auto liability and general liability risks. Liabilities associated with our risks retained are estimated, in part, by considering claims experience, demographic factors, severity factors and other actuarial assumptions.

**Other Current Liabilities:** Other current liabilities at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , include:

	in millions	
	2018	2017
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 549	\$ 673
Other	877	751
Total other current liabilities	\$ 1,426	\$ 1,424

**Defined Benefit Plans:** We recognize the funded status of defined pension and postretirement plans in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The funded status is measured as the difference between the fair value of the plan assets and the benefit obligation. We measure our plan assets and liabilities at the end of our fiscal year. For a defined benefit pension plan, the benefit obligation is the projected benefit obligation; for any other defined benefit postretirement plan, such as a retiree health care plan, the benefit obligation is the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation. Any overfunded status is recognized as an asset and any underfunded status is recognized as a liability. Any transitional asset/liability, prior service cost or actuarial gain/loss that has not yet been recognized as a component of net periodic cost is recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income. Accumulated other comprehensive income will be adjusted as these amounts are subsequently recognized as a component of net periodic benefit costs in future periods.

**Derivative Financial Instruments:** We purchase certain commodities, such as grains and livestock in the course of normal operations. As part of our commodity risk management activities, we use derivative financial instruments, primarily futures and options, to reduce our exposure to various market risks related to these purchases, as well as to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Contract terms of a financial instrument qualifying as a hedge instrument closely mirror those of the hedged item, providing a high degree of risk reduction and correlation. Contracts designated and highly effective at meeting risk reduction and correlation criteria are recorded using hedge accounting. If a derivative instrument is accounted for as a hedge, changes in the fair value of the instrument will be offset either against the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities or firm commitments through earnings or recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of an instrument's change in fair value is immediately recognized in earnings as a component of cost of sales. Instruments we hold as part of our risk management activities that do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting are marked to fair value with unrealized gains or losses reported currently in earnings. Changes in market value of derivatives used in our risk management activities relating to forward sales contracts are recorded in sales. Changes in market value of derivatives used in our risk management activities surrounding inventories on hand or anticipated purchases of inventories are recorded in cost of sales. Changes in market value of derivatives used in our risk management activities related to interest rates are recorded in interest expense. We generally do not hedge anticipated transactions beyond 18 months.

**Litigation Reserves:** There are a variety of legal proceedings pending or threatened against us. Accruals are recorded when it is probable a liability has been incurred and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated based on current law, progress of each case, opinions and views of legal counsel and other advisers, our experience in similar matters and intended response to the litigation. These amounts, which are not discounted and are exclusive of claims against third parties, are adjusted periodically as assessment efforts progress or additional information becomes available. We expense amounts for administering or litigating claims as incurred. Accruals for legal proceedings are included in Other current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Revenue Recognition:** We recognize revenue when title and risk of loss are transferred to customers, which is generally on delivery based on terms of sale. Revenue is recognized as the net amount estimated to be received after deducting estimated amounts for discounts, trade allowances and product returns.

**Freight Expense:** Freight expense associated with products shipped to customers is recognized in cost of sales.

**Marketing and Promotion Costs:** We promote our products with marketing, advertising, trade promotions, and consumer incentives, which include, but are not limited to, coupons, discounts, rebates, and volume-based incentives. Marketing and promotion costs are charged to operations in the period incurred.

Customer incentive and trade promotion activities are recorded as a reduction to sales based on amounts estimated as being due to customers, based primarily on historical utilization and redemption rates, while other marketing and promotional activities are recorded as selling, general and administrative expense.

**Advertising Expenses:** Advertising expense is charged to operations in the period incurred and is recorded as selling, general and administrative expense. Advertising expense totaled \$243 million, \$238 million and \$238 million in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**Research and Development:** Research and development costs are expensed as incurred. Research and development costs totaled \$114 million, \$113 million and \$96 million in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**Use of Estimates:** The consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements:**

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued guidance aligning the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract with the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, our fiscal 2020. Early adoption is permitted and should be applied prospectively to all qualified implementation costs incurred after the adoption date. We plan to adopt this guidance beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In August 2017, the FASB issued guidance that eases certain documentation and assessment requirements of hedge effectiveness and modifies the accounting for components excluded from the assessment. Some of the modifications include the ineffectiveness of derivative gain/loss in highly effective cash flow hedge to be recorded in Other Comprehensive Income, the change in fair value of derivative to be recorded in the same income statement line as the hedged item, and additional disclosures required on the cumulative basis adjustment in fair value hedges and the effect of hedging on financial statement lines for components excluded from the assessment. The amendment also simplifies the application of hedge accounting in certain situations to permit new hedging strategies to be eligible for hedge accounting. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, our fiscal 2020. Early adoption is permitted and the modified retrospective transition method should be applied. We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2017, the FASB issued guidance that clarifies which changes to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award require an entity to apply modification accounting in Topic 718. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, our fiscal 2019. Early adoption is permitted and the prospective transition method should be applied to awards modified on or after the adoption date. We will adopt this guidance beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued guidance that shortens the amortization period for certain callable debt securities held at a premium. Specifically, the amendments require the premium to be amortized to the earliest call date. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, our fiscal 2020. Early adoption is permitted and the modified retrospective transition method should be applied. We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued guidance that will change the presentation of net periodic benefit cost related to employer sponsored defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits. Service cost will be included within the same income statement line item as other compensation costs arising from services rendered during the period, while other components of net periodic benefit pension cost will be presented separately outside of operating income. Additionally, only the service cost component will be eligible for capitalization when applicable. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, our fiscal 2019. Early adoption is permitted and the retrospective transition method should be applied for the presentation of the service cost component and the other components of net periodic pension cost and net periodic postretirement benefit cost in the income statement, and the prospective transition method should be applied, on and after the effective date, for the capitalization of the service cost component of net periodic pension cost and net periodic postretirement benefit in assets. We will adopt this guidance beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, the FASB issued guidance which requires entities to show the changes in the total of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, our fiscal 2019. Early adoption is permitted and the retrospective transition method should be applied. We will adopt this guidance beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In October 2016, the FASB issued guidance which requires companies to recognize the income tax effects of intercompany sales and transfers of assets, other than inventory, in the period in which the transfer occurs. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, our fiscal 2019. Early adoption is permitted and the modified retrospective transition method should be applied. We will adopt this guidance beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued guidance that aims to eliminate diversity in practice in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, our fiscal 2019. Early adoption is permitted and the retrospective transition method should be applied. We will adopt this guidance beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance that provides more decision-useful information about the expected credit losses on financial instruments and changes the loss impairment methodology. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, our fiscal 2021. Early adoption is permitted for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, our fiscal 2020. The application of the guidance requires various transition methods depending on the specific amendment. We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance that created new accounting and reporting guidelines for leasing arrangements. The guidance requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and lease liability for all leases with terms of more than 12 months. Recognition, measurement and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease will depend on classification as a finance or operating lease. The guidance also requires qualitative and quantitative disclosures regarding the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, our fiscal 2020. Early adoption is permitted and the modified retrospective method should be applied. While we are still evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures, we have completed our initial scoping reviews and have made progress in our assessment phase as we continue to identify our leasing processes that will be impacted by the new standard. We have also made progress in developing the policy elections we will make upon adoption and we are implementing software to meet the reporting requirements of this standard. We expect our financial statement disclosures will be expanded to present additional details of our leasing arrangements. Although we expect the impacts to be material, at this time, we are unable to reasonably estimate the expected increase in assets and liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets or the impacts to our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

In January 2016, the FASB issued guidance that requires most equity investments be measured at fair value, with subsequent other changes in fair value recognized in net income. The guidance also impacts financial liabilities under the fair value option and the presentation and disclosure requirements on the classification and measurement of financial instruments. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, our fiscal 2019. It should be applied by means of a cumulative-effect adjustment to the balance sheet as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption, unless, equity securities do not have readily determinable fair values, in which case, the amendments should be applied prospectively. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued guidance that changes the criteria for recognizing revenue. The guidance provides for a single five-step model to be applied to all revenue contracts with customers. The standard also requires additional financial statement disclosures that will enable users to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows relating to customer contracts. Companies have an option to use either a retrospective approach or cumulative effect adjustment approach to implement the standard. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, our fiscal 2019. We will adopt this guidance using the modified retrospective transition method beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements other than additional disclosure requirements.

## NOTE 2: CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

In March 2018, the FASB issued guidance that clarifies application of Topic 740 in regards to the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" (the "Tax Act") enacted December 22, 2017. The guidance requires provisional amounts to be reported within the reporting period in which the Tax Act was enacted if a reasonable estimate can be determined or within the measurement period not to exceed one year from the enactment date by which accounting is required to be completed in accordance with Topic 740. Any provisional amounts or adjustments to provisional amounts reported in the measurement period should be included in income from continuing operations as an adjustment to tax expense or benefit in the reporting period the amounts are determined. The guidance was effective immediately and we adopted this guidance in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. The impact of adoption had a material impact to our financial statements (see Note 9: Income Taxes).

In February 2018, the FASB issued guidance that allows a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the Tax Act. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, our fiscal 2020. Early adoption is permitted and entities will have the choice to apply either in the period of adoption or retrospectively to each period in which the effect of the change in the federal income tax rate in the Tax Act. We adopted this guidance in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018 resulting in a reclass increasing Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income and decreasing Retained Earnings by \$13 million in our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued guidance that simplifies several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payment transactions, including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures, and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification of related amounts within the statement of cash flows and impact on earnings per share. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, our fiscal 2018. We adopted this guidance in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. The guidance requires all income tax effects of share-based payment awards to be recognized in the consolidated statements of income when the awards vest or are settled, which is a change from the previous guidance that required such activity to be recorded in capital in excess of par value within stockholders' equity. We adopted this guidance prospectively which may create volatility in our effective tax rate when adopted depending largely on future events and other factors, which may include our stock price, timing of stock option exercises, and the value realized upon vesting or exercise of shares compared to the grant date fair value of those shares. For the year ended September 29, 2018, the recorded tax benefit was not material. In addition, when calculating potential common shares used to determine diluted earnings per share this guidance requires that assumed proceeds under the treasury stock method be modified to exclude the amount of excess tax benefits that would have been recognized in additional paid-in capital. These changes were applied on a prospective basis which did not have a material impact to diluted earnings per share for the year ended September 29, 2018. Under the new guidance, companies can also make an accounting policy election to either estimate forfeitures each period or to account for forfeitures as they occur. We changed our accounting policy to account for forfeitures as they occur using the modified retrospective transition method which did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. The guidance changes the presentation of excess tax benefits from a financing activity to an operating activity in the consolidated statements of cash flows. This guidance also requires the presentation related to cash paid to a taxing authority when shares are withheld to satisfy the statutory income tax withholding obligation to a financing activity in the consolidated statements of cash flows. We applied these changes prospectively, and thus, prior periods have not been adjusted. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated statements of cash flows.

In July 2015, the FASB issued guidance that requires management to evaluate inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim periods within those annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, our fiscal 2018. The prospective transition method was applied. We adopted this guidance in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and it did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

## NOTE 3: ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

### Acquisitions

On August 20, 2018, we acquired the assets of American Proteins, Inc. and AMPRO Products, Inc. ("American Proteins"), a poultry rendering and blending operation for \$866 million, subject to net working capital adjustments, as part of our strategic expansion and sustainability initiatives. Its results, subsequent to the acquisition closing, are included in our Chicken segment. The preliminary purchase price allocation included \$71 million of net working capital, \$155 million of Property, Plant and Equipment, \$411 million of Intangible Assets, \$242 million of Goodwill, and \$13 million of Other liabilities. Intangible Assets primarily included \$358 million assigned to supply network which will be amortized over 14 years and \$51 million assigned to customer relationships which will be amortized over a weighted average of 12 years. All of the goodwill acquired is amortizable for tax purposes. Certain estimated values for the acquisition, including goodwill, intangible assets, and property, plant and equipment, are not yet finalized and are subject to revision as additional information becomes available and more detailed analyses are completed.

On August 17, 2018, the Company announced it had reached a definitive agreement to buy the Keystone Foods business (“Keystone”) from Marfrig Global Foods for \$2.16 billion in cash. The acquisition of Keystone, a major supplier to the growing global foodservice industry, is our latest investment in furtherance of our growth strategy and expansion of our value-added protein capabilities. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter or early second quarter of fiscal 2019 and is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals, however, there can be no assurance that the acquisition will close at such time. We expect the majority of Keystone’s domestic results will be included in the Chicken segment and its international results will be included in Other for segment presentation.

On June 4, 2018, we acquired Tecumseh Poultry, LLC ("Tecumseh"), a vertically integrated value-added protein business for \$382 million, net of cash acquired, as part of our strategy to grow in the high quality, branded poultry market. Its results, subsequent to the acquisition closing, are included in our Chicken segment. The preliminary purchase price allocation included \$13 million of net working capital, including \$1 million of cash acquired, \$49 million of Property, Plant and Equipment, \$227 million of Intangible Assets and \$94 million of Goodwill. Intangible Assets included \$193 million assigned to brands and trademarks which will be amortized over 20 years. All of the goodwill acquired is amortizable for tax purposes. Certain estimated values for the acquisition, including goodwill, intangible assets, and property, plant and equipment, are not yet finalized and are subject to revision as additional information becomes available and more detailed analyses are completed.

On November 10, 2017, we acquired Original Philly Holdings, Inc. ("Original Philly"), a value-added protein business, for \$226 million, net of cash acquired, as part of our strategic expansion initiative. Its results, subsequent to the acquisition closing, are included in our Prepared Foods and Chicken segments. The preliminary purchase price allocation included \$21 million of net working capital, including \$10 million of cash acquired, \$13 million of Property, Plant and Equipment, \$90 million of Intangible Assets and \$112 million of Goodwill. During the second quarter of fiscal 2018, we recorded measurement period adjustments, which decreased goodwill by \$1 million, after obtaining additional information regarding, among other things, asset valuations and liabilities assumed. We completed the allocation of goodwill to our segments in the second quarter of fiscal 2018 using the acquisition method approach. This resulted in \$82 million and \$29 million of goodwill allocated to our Prepared Foods and Chicken segments, respectively. All of the goodwill acquired is amortizable for tax purposes.

On June 7, 2017, we acquired all of the outstanding common stock of AdvancePierre Foods Holdings, Inc. ("AdvancePierre") as part of our strategy to sustainably feed the world with the fastest growing portfolio of protein-packed brands. The purchase price was equal to \$40.25 per share for AdvancePierre's outstanding common stock, or approximately \$3.2 billion. We funded the acquisition with existing cash on hand, net proceeds from the issuance of new senior notes and a new term loan facility, as well as borrowings under our commercial paper program. AdvancePierre's results from operations subsequent to the acquisition closing are included in the Prepared Foods and Chicken segments.

The following table summarizes the purchase price allocation and fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date of AdvancePierre. During the first quarter of fiscal 2018, we recorded measurement period adjustments which decreased goodwill by \$2 million, primarily related to updated information related to income taxes.

		in millions
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	126
Accounts receivable		80
Inventories		272
Other current assets		5
Property, Plant and Equipment		302
Goodwill		2,980
Intangible Assets		1,515
Current debt		(1,148)
Accounts payable		(114)
Other current liabilities		(97)
Tax receivable agreement (TRA) due to former shareholders		(223)
Long-Term Debt		(33)
Deferred Income Taxes		(455)
Other Liabilities		(3)
Net assets acquired	\$	3,207



The fair value of identifiable intangible assets is as follows:

				in millions
Intangible Asset Category	Type	Life in Years	Fair Value	
Brands & Trademarks	Amortizable	Weighted Average of 15 years	\$	390
Customer Relationships	Amortizable	Weighted Average of 15 years		1,125
Total identifiable intangible assets			\$	1,515

As a result of the acquisition, we recognized a total of \$2,980 million of goodwill. The purchase price was assigned to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values as of the date of acquisition, and any excess was allocated to goodwill, as shown in the table above. Goodwill represents the value we expect to achieve through the implementation of operational synergies and growth opportunities. We completed the allocation of goodwill to our segments in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 using the with-and-without approach of the estimated operating results and synergy impact to fair value of our reporting units. This resulted in \$2,412 million and \$568 million of goodwill allocated to our Prepared Foods and Chicken segments, respectively. Of the goodwill acquired, \$163 million related to previous AdvancePierre acquisitions is expected to be amortizable for tax purposes.

We used various valuation techniques to determine fair value, with the primary techniques being discounted cash flow analysis, relief-from-royalty, and multi-period excess earnings valuation approaches, which use significant unobservable inputs, or Level 3 inputs, as defined by the fair value hierarchy. Under these valuation approaches, we are required to make estimates and assumptions about sales, operating margins, growth rates, royalty rates and discount rates based on budgets, business plans, economic projections, anticipated future cash flows and marketplace data.

The acquisition of AdvancePierre was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting, and consequently, the results of operations for AdvancePierre are reported in our consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition.

The following unaudited pro forma information presents the combined results of operations as if the acquisition of AdvancePierre had occurred at the beginning of fiscal 2016. AdvancePierre's pre-acquisition results have been added to our historical results. The pro forma results contained in the table below include adjustments for amortization of acquired intangibles, depreciation expense, interest expense related to the financing and related income taxes. Any potential cost savings or other operational efficiencies that could result from the acquisition are not included in these pro forma results.

The 2016 pro forma results include transaction related expenses incurred by AdvancePierre prior to the acquisition of \$84 million, including items such as consultant fees, accelerated stock compensation and other deal costs; transaction related expenses incurred by the Company of \$67 million, including fees paid to third parties, financing costs and other deal costs; and \$36 million of expense related to the fair value inventory adjustment at the date of acquisition.

These pro forma results have been prepared for comparative purposes only and are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations as they would have been had the acquisitions occurred on the assumed dates, nor is it necessarily an indication of future operating results.

					in millions (unaudited)	
					2017	2016
Pro forma sales		\$	39,330	\$	38,406	
Pro forma net income attributable to Tyson			1,837		1,686	
Pro forma net income per diluted share attributable to Tyson		\$	4.97	\$	4.32	

#### Dispositions

On April 24, 2017, we announced our intent to sell three non-protein businesses as part of our strategic focus on protein brands. These businesses, which were all part of our Prepared Foods segment, included Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery, Kettle and Van's® and produce items such as frozen desserts, waffles, snack bars, and soups, sauces and sides. The sale also included the Chef Pierre®, Bistro Collection®, Kettle Collection™, and Van's® brands, a license to use the Sara Lee® brand in various channels, as well as our Tarboro, North Carolina, Fort Worth, Texas, and Traverse City, Michigan, prepared foods facilities.

As of September 30, 2017, we reclassified the assets and liabilities related to these businesses, including allocated goodwill, to assets and liabilities held for sale in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company concluded the businesses were not significant disposal groups and did not represent a strategic shift, and therefore were not classified as discontinued operations for any of the periods presented.

We completed the sale of our Kettle business on December 30, 2017, and received net proceeds of \$125 million including a working capital adjustment. As a result of the sale, we recorded a pretax gain of \$22 million, which is reflected in Cost of Sales in our Consolidated Statement of Income for our fiscal 2018. We utilized the net proceeds to pay down term loan debt.

We completed the sale of our Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery and Van's® businesses on July 30, 2018 for \$623 million including a working capital adjustment. As a result of the sale, we recorded a pretax gain of \$11 million , which is reflected in Cost of Sales in our Consolidated Statement of Income for our fiscal 2018. We utilized the net proceeds to repay commercial paper.

Previously in fiscal 2018 and 2017, we recorded pretax impairment charges for these businesses of \$101 million and \$45 million , respectively, due to revised estimates of the businesses' fair value based on expected net sales proceeds at the time of the impairments. These charges were recorded in Cost of Sales in our Consolidated Statement of Income, and primarily consisted of goodwill previously classified within assets held for sale.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2018, we made the decision to sell TNT Crust, our pizza crust business, which is also included in our Prepared Foods segment, as part of our strategic focus on protein brands. We completed the sale of this business on September 2, 2018, for \$57 million net of adjustments. As a result of the sale, we recorded a pretax gain of \$9 million , which is reflected in Cost of Sales in our Consolidated Statement of Income for our fiscal 2018. We utilized the net proceeds to repay commercial paper.

The following table summarizes the net assets and liabilities held for sale as of September 30, 2017:

	in millions	
	September 30, 2017	
Assets held for sale:		
Accounts receivable, net	\$	2
Inventories		109
Net Property, Plant and Equipment		192
Other current assets		1
Goodwill		312
Intangible Assets, net		191
Total assets held for sale	\$	807
Liabilities held for sale:		
Accounts payable	\$	1
Other current liabilities		3
Total liabilities held for sale	\$	4

#### NOTE 4: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The following table reflects major categories of property, plant and equipment and accumulated depreciation at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 :

	in millions			
	2018		2017	
Land	\$	154	\$	138
Building and leasehold improvements		4,115		3,878
Machinery and equipment		7,720		7,111
Land improvements and other		357		323
Buildings and equipment under construction		689		492
		13,035		11,942
Less accumulated depreciation		6,866		6,374
Net property, plant and equipment	\$	6,169	\$	5,568

Approximately \$1,832 million will be required to complete buildings and equipment under construction at September 29, 2018 .

## NOTE 5: GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following table reflects goodwill activity for fiscal 2018 and 2017 :

in millions													
	Beef		Pork		Chicken		Prepared Foods		Other <sup>(a)</sup>	Unallocated	Consolidated		
<b>Balance at October 1, 2016</b>													
Goodwill	\$	1,236	\$	423	\$	1,565	\$	4,005	\$	57	\$ —	\$ 7,286	
Accumulated impairment losses		(560)		—		—		—		(57)		—	(617)
	\$	676	\$	423	\$	1,565	\$	4,005	\$	—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,669
Fiscal 2017 Activity:													
Acquisition	\$	—	\$	—	\$	—	\$	—	\$	—	\$ 2,982	\$ —	2,982
Reclass to assets held for sale		—		—		—		(327)		—		—	(327)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2017</b>													
Goodwill		1,236		423		1,565		3,678		57		2,982	9,941
Accumulated impairment losses		(560)		—		—		—		(57)		—	(617)
	\$	676	\$	423	\$	1,565	\$	3,678	\$	—	\$ 2,982	\$ —	9,324
Fiscal 2018 Activity:													
Acquisition	\$	—	\$	—	\$	365	\$	82	\$	—	\$ —	\$ —	447
Measurement period adjustments		—		—		—		—		—		(2)	(2)
Allocation of acquired goodwill		—		—		568		2,412		—		(2,980)	—
Reclass to assets held for sale		—		—		—		(30)		—		—	(30)
<b>Balance at September 29, 2018</b>													
Goodwill		1,236		423		2,498		6,142		57		—	10,356
Accumulated impairment losses		(560)		—		—		—		(57)		—	(617)
	\$	676	\$	423	\$	2,498	\$	6,142	\$	—	\$ —	\$ —	9,739

(a) Other included the goodwill from our foreign chicken operation.

The following table reflects intangible assets by type at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 :

	in millions	
	2018	2017
Amortizable intangible assets:		
Brands and trademarks	\$ 950	\$ 738
Customer relationships	1,793	1,639
Supply Arrangements	358	—
Patents, intellectual property and other	107	114
Land use rights	9	9
Total gross amortizable intangible assets	\$ 3,217	\$ 2,500
Less accumulated amortization	536	335
Total net amortizable intangible assets	\$ 2,681	\$ 2,165
Brands and trademarks not subject to amortization	4,078	4,078
Total intangible assets	\$ 6,759	\$ 6,243

Amortization expense of \$210 million , \$107 million and \$80 million was recognized during fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively. We estimate amortization expense on intangible assets for the next five fiscal years subsequent to September 29, 2018 , will be: 2019 - \$241 million ; 2020 - \$240 million ; 2021 - \$222 million ; 2022 - \$212 million ; 2023 - \$201 million .

## NOTE 6: RESTRUCTURING AND RELATED CHARGES

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017, our Board of Directors approved a multi-year restructuring program (the “Financial Fitness Program”), which is expected to contribute to the Company’s overall strategy of financial fitness through increased operational effectiveness and overhead reduction. The Company currently anticipates the Financial Fitness Program will result in cumulative pretax charges, once implemented, of approximately \$253 million which consist primarily of severance and employee related costs, impairments and accelerated depreciation of technology assets, incremental costs to implement new technology, and contract termination costs. This program included the elimination of approximately 550 positions across several areas and job levels with most of the eliminated positions originating from the corporate offices in Springdale, Arkansas; Chicago, Illinois; and Cincinnati, Ohio. The Company recognized restructuring and related charges of \$59 million and \$150 million associated with the program during fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The following table reflects the pretax impact of restructuring and related charges in the Consolidated Statements of Income:

	in millions	
	2018	2017
Cost of Sales	\$ —	\$ 35
Selling, General and Administrative expenses	59	115
Total restructuring and related charges, pretax	\$ 59	\$ 150

The following table reflects the pretax impact of restructuring and related charges incurred in fiscal 2017 and 2018, the estimated charges in future years (primarily in fiscal 2019) and the total estimated program charges, by our reportable segments:

	in millions			
	2017 charges	2018 charges	Estimated future charges	Total estimated Financial Fitness Program charges
Beef	\$ 8	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 18
Pork	3	1	3	7
Chicken	56	30	16	102
Prepared Foods	82	24	19	125
Other	1	—	—	1
Total restructuring and related charges, pretax	\$ 150	\$ 59	\$ 44	\$ 253

For fiscal 2017, the restructuring and related charges consisted of \$53 million severance and employee related costs, \$72 million technology impairment and related costs, and \$25 million for contract termination costs. For fiscal 2018, the restructuring and related charges consisted of \$59 million of incremental costs to implement new technology and accelerated depreciation of technology assets. The majority of the remaining estimated charges are related to incremental costs to implement new technology.

The following table reflects our liability related to restructuring which was recognized in other current liabilities in our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 29, 2018 :

	in millions			
	Liability as of September 30, 2017	Restructuring charges	Payments	Liability as of September 29, 2018
Severance and employee related costs	\$ 47	\$ —	\$ 37	\$ 10
Contract termination	22	—	21	1
Total	\$ 69	\$ —	\$ 58	\$ 10

**NOTE 7: DEBT**

The following table reflects major components of debt as of September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 :

	in millions	
	2018	2017
Revolving credit facility	\$ —	\$ —
Commercial Paper	605	778
Senior notes:		
7.00% Notes due May 2018	—	120
Notes due May 2019 (2.76% at 09/29/2018)	300	300
2.65% Notes due August 2019	1,000	1,000
Notes due June 2020 (2.87% at 09/29/2018)	350	350
Notes due August 2020 (2.76% at 09/29/2018)	400	400
4.10% Notes due September 2020	281	282
2.25% Notes due August 2021	500	500
4.50% Senior notes due June 2022	1,000	1,000
3.90% Notes due September 2023 (2023 Notes)	400	—
3.95% Notes due August 2024	1,250	1,250
3.55% Notes due June 2027	1,350	1,350
7.00% Notes due January 2028	18	18
6.13% Notes due November 2032	161	162
4.88% Notes due August 2034	500	500
5.15% Notes due August 2044	500	500
4.55% Notes due June 2047	750	750
5.10% Notes due September 2048 (2048 Notes)	500	—
Discount on senior notes	(15)	(15)
Term loans:		
Tranche B due August 2019	—	427
Tranche B due August 2020	—	500
Other	73	81
Unamortized debt issuance costs	(50)	(50)
Total debt	9,873	10,203
Less current debt	1,911	906
Total long-term debt	\$ 7,962	\$ 9,297

Annual maturities of debt for the five fiscal years subsequent to September 29, 2018 , are: 2019 - \$1,911 million ; 2020 - \$1,037 million ; 2021 - \$511 million ; 2022 - \$1,007 million ; 2023 - \$405 million .

**Revolving Credit Facility and Letters of Credit**

In March 2018, we amended our existing credit facility which, among other things, increased our line of credit from \$1.5 billion to \$1.75 billion . The facility supports short-term funding needs and serves as a backstop to our commercial paper program and will mature and the commitments thereunder will terminate in March 2023. Amounts available for borrowing under this facility totaled \$1.75 billion at September 29, 2018 , before deducting amounts to backstop our commercial paper program. At September 29, 2018 , we had no outstanding letters of credit issued under this facility. At September 29, 2018 we had \$105 million of bilateral letters of credit issued separately from the revolving credit facility, none of which were drawn upon. Our letters of credit are issued primarily in support of leasing obligations and workers' compensation insurance programs and other legal obligations.

If in the future any of our subsidiaries shall guarantee any of our material indebtedness, such subsidiary shall be required to guarantee the indebtedness, obligations and liabilities under this facility.

### Commercial Paper Program

We have a commercial paper program under which we may issue unsecured short-term promissory notes ("commercial paper") up to an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$1 billion as of September 29, 2018. As of September 29, 2018, we had \$605 million of commercial paper outstanding at a weighted average interest rate of 2.33% with maturities of less than 25 days.

### 2023/2048 Notes

In September 2018, we issued senior unsecured notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$900 million, consisting of \$400 million due September 2023 and \$500 million due September 2048. We used the net proceeds from the issuance to extinguish our Term Loan Tranche B due August 2020 and to reduce amounts outstanding under our commercial paper program. The September 2023 Notes carry a fixed interest rate of 3.9% and the 2048 Notes carry a fixed interest rate at 5.1%. Interest payments on the 2023 and 2048 Notes are due semi-annually on March 28 and September 28. After the original issue discounts of \$3 million, we received net proceeds of \$897 million. In addition, we incurred debt issuance costs of \$9 million related to this issuance.

### Term Loan Tranche B due August 2020

On June 8, 2018, we amended our existing term loan agreement which increased the principal amount borrowed from \$500 million to \$750 million. Proceeds from the borrowings were primarily used to fund an acquisition. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, we extinguished the \$750 million outstanding balance using cash on hand and funds borrowed under our new 2023 and 2048 senior notes.

### 7.00% Notes due May 2018

During fiscal 2018, we extinguished the \$120 million outstanding balance of the Senior Notes due May 2018 using cash on hand.

### Term Loan Tranche B due August 2019

During fiscal 2018, we extinguished the \$427 million outstanding balance of the Term Loan Tranche B due in August 2019 using cash on hand and proceeds received from the sale of a non-protein business.

### Debt Covenants

Our revolving credit and term loan facilities contain affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens and encumbrances; incur debt; merge, dissolve, liquidate or consolidate; make acquisitions and investments; dispose of or transfer assets; change the nature of our business; engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and enter into hedging transactions, in each case, subject to certain qualifications and exceptions. In addition, we are required to maintain minimum interest expense coverage and maximum debt-to-capitalization ratios.

Our senior notes also contain affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens; engage in certain sale/leaseback transactions; and engage in certain consolidations, mergers and sales of assets.

We were in compliance with all debt covenants at September 29, 2018.

## **NOTE 8: EQUITY**

### Capital Stock

We have two classes of capital stock, Class A Common stock, \$0.10 par value (Class A stock) and Class B Common Stock, \$0.10 par value (Class B stock). Holders of Class B stock may convert such stock into Class A stock on a share-for-share basis. Holders of Class B stock are entitled to 10 votes per share, while holders of Class A stock are entitled to one vote per share on matters submitted to shareholders for approval. As of September 29, 2018, Tyson Limited Partnership (the "TLP") owned 99.985% of the outstanding shares of Class B stock and the TLP and members of the Tyson family owned, in the aggregate, 2.09% of the outstanding shares of Class A stock, giving them, collectively, control of approximately 70.96% of the total voting power of the outstanding voting stock.

The Class B stock is considered a participating security requiring the use of the two-class method for the computation of basic earnings per share. The two-class computation method for each period reflects the cash dividends paid for each class of stock, plus the amount of allocated undistributed earnings (losses) computed using the participation percentage, which reflects the dividend rights of each class of stock. Basic earnings per share were computed using the two-class method for all periods presented. The shares of Class B stock are considered to be participating convertible securities since the shares of Class B stock are convertible on a share-for-share basis into shares of Class A stock. Diluted earnings per share were computed assuming the conversion of the Class B shares into Class A shares as of the beginning of each period.

### Dividends

Cash dividends cannot be paid to holders of Class B stock unless they are simultaneously paid to holders of Class A stock. The per share amount of the cash dividend paid to holders of Class B stock cannot exceed 90% of the cash dividend simultaneously paid to holders of Class A stock. We pay quarterly cash dividends to Class A and Class B shareholders. We paid Class A dividends per share of \$1.20, \$0.90, and \$0.60 in fiscal 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. We paid Class B dividends per share of \$1.08, \$0.81, and \$0.54 in fiscal 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. Effective November 12, 2018, the Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend previously declared on August 9, 2018, to \$0.375 per share on our Class A stock and \$0.3375 per share on our Class B stock. The increased quarterly dividend is payable on December 14, 2018, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 30, 2018.

### Share Repurchases

On February 4, 2016, our Board of Directors approved an increase of 50 million shares authorized for repurchase under our share repurchase program. As of September 29, 2018, 22.9 million shares remained available for repurchase. The share repurchase program has no fixed or scheduled termination date and the timing and extent to which we repurchase shares will depend upon, among other things, our working capital needs, markets, industry conditions, liquidity targets, limitations under our debt obligations and regulatory requirements. In addition to the share repurchase program, we purchase shares on the open market to fund certain obligations under our equity compensation plans.

A summary of cumulative share repurchases of our Class A stock for fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	in millions					
	September 29, 2018		September 30, 2017		October 1, 2016	
	Shares	Dollars	Shares	Dollars	Shares	Dollars
Shares repurchased:						
Under share repurchase program	4.9	\$ 350	12.5	\$ 797	30.8	\$ 1,868
To fund certain obligations under equity compensation plans	1.0	77	1.0	63	1.3	76
Total share repurchases	5.9	\$ 427	13.5	\$ 860	32.1	\$ 1,944

### Tangible Equity Units

In fiscal 2014, we completed the public issuance of 30 million, 4.75% tangible equity units (TEUs). Total proceeds, net of underwriting discounts and other expenses, were \$1,454 million. Each TEU, which had a stated amount of \$50, was comprised of a prepaid stock purchase contract and a senior amortizing note due July 15, 2017. We allocated the proceeds from the issuance of the TEUs to equity and debt based on the relative fair values of the respective components of each TEU. The fair value of the prepaid stock purchase contracts, which was \$1,295 million, was recorded in Capital in Excess of Par Value, net of issuance costs. The fair value of the senior amortizing notes, which was \$205 million, was recorded in debt. Issuance costs associated with the TEU debt were recorded as deferred debt issuance cost and was amortized over the term of the instrument to July 15, 2017.

In July 2017, the Company made the final quarterly cash installment payment of \$0.59 per senior amortizing note and issued the required remaining shares of its Class A stock upon automatic settlement of each outstanding purchase contract.

### **NOTE 9: INCOME TAXES**

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Act. The Tax Act includes significant changes to the U.S. tax code that affected our fiscal year ended September 29, 2018 and will affect future periods. Changes include, but are not limited to, (1) reducing the corporate federal income tax rate from 35% to 21%, (2) bonus depreciation that allows for full expensing of qualified property in the year placed in service and (3) a general elimination of U.S. federal income taxes on dividends from foreign subsidiaries. Section 15 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") stipulates that our fiscal year ended September 29, 2018, has a blended corporate tax rate of 24.5%, which is based on the applicable tax rates before and after the Tax Act and the number of days in the year. Additionally, the Tax Act includes the repeal of the domestic production activity deduction, a new provision designed to tax global intangible low-taxed income ("GILTI"), a new provision which allows a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income ("FDII"), and a new provision which institutes a base erosion and anti-abuse tax ("BEAT"), beginning with our fiscal year 2019. We are still evaluating these new international provisions; however, we do not expect them to have a material impact to our financial statements.

Changes in the Code from the Tax Act had a material impact on our financial statements in fiscal 2018. Under generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"), specifically ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, the tax effects of changes in tax laws must be recognized in the period in which the law is enacted, or December 22, 2017, for the Tax Act. ASC 740 also requires deferred tax assets and liabilities to be measured at the enacted tax rate expected to apply when temporary differences are to be realized or settled. Thus, at the date of enactment, the Company's deferred taxes were remeasured based upon the new tax rates. The change in deferred taxes was recorded as an adjustment to our deferred tax provision.

The staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission recognized the complexity of reflecting the impacts of the Tax Act and issued guidance in Staff Accounting Bulletin 118 ("SAB 118"), which clarifies accounting for income taxes under ASC 740 if information is not yet available or complete and provides for up to a one year period in which to complete the required analyses and accounting (the "measurement period"). SAB 118 describes three scenarios (or "buckets") associated with a company's status of accounting for income tax reform: (1) a company is complete with its accounting for certain effects of tax reform, (2) a company is able to determine a reasonable estimate for certain effects of tax reform and records that estimate as a provisional amount, or (3) a company is not able to determine a reasonable estimate and therefore continues to apply ASC 740, based on the provisions of the tax laws that were in effect immediately prior to the Tax Act being enacted. The FASB also issued guidance that essentially adopts the SEC guidance (see Note 2: Changes in Accounting Principles).

**Transition Tax:** The Tax Act requires a one-time Deemed Repatriation Transition Tax on previously untaxed net accumulated and current earnings and profits of our foreign subsidiaries. Based on our analysis of our foreign earnings and profits, net of deficits and foreign tax credits, no transition tax is due for the Company. Our accounting for this element of the Tax Act is complete.

**Corporate Tax Rate Reduction:** The Tax Act reduced the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% , effective January 1, 2018. This results in a blended corporate tax rate of 24.5% in fiscal year 2018 and 21% thereafter. We analyzed our domestic deferred tax balances to estimate which of those balances were expected to reverse in fiscal 2018 or thereafter, and we remeasured the deferred taxes at 24.5% or 21% accordingly. In fiscal 2018, we recorded a discrete net deferred income tax benefit of \$1,004 million with a corresponding provisional reduction to our net deferred income tax liability. Our accounting for this element of the Tax Act is incomplete; however, we were able to make reasonable estimates of the effects, and therefore, recorded the provisional adjustment. Remeasurement may continue to change as we receive additional information about the timing of deferred income tax reversals; however, we do not expect any additional changes to be material.

**GILTI:** The Tax Act created a new requirement in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017 (our fiscal 2019) that certain income (i.e., GILTI) earned by controlled foreign corporations ("CFCs") must be included currently in the gross income of the CFCs' U.S. shareholder. Under U.S. GAAP, we are allowed to make an accounting policy choice of either (1) treating taxes due on future U.S. inclusions in taxable income related to GILTI as a current-period expense when incurred (the "period cost method") or (2) factoring such amounts into a company's measurement of its deferred taxes (the "deferred method"). We have elected to account for the tax using the period cost method and have, therefore, not recorded any adjustments in our fiscal 2018 financial statements. Our accounting for this component of tax reform is incomplete; however, based upon our initial analysis, the GILTI tax is not expected to have a material impact on our financial statements.

The changes included in the Tax Act are broad and complex. The final transition impacts of the Tax Act may differ from the above estimates due to, among other things, changes in interpretations of the Tax Act, any legislative action to address questions that arise because of the Tax Act, any changes in accounting standards for income taxes or related interpretations in response to the Tax Act, or any updates or changes to estimates the Company has utilized to calculate the impacts.

Detail of the provision for income taxes from continuing operations consists of the following:

	in millions			
	2018		2017	
				2016
Federal	\$	(426)	\$	755
State		118		81
Foreign		26		14
	\$	(282)	\$	850
Current	\$	583	\$	889
Deferred		(865)		(39)
	\$	(282)	\$	850



The reasons for the difference between the statutory federal income tax rate and our effective income tax rate from continuing operations are as follows:

	2018	2017	2016
Federal income tax rate	24.5 %	35.0 %	35.0 %
State income taxes	3.3	2.3	2.7
Domestic production deduction	(1.7)	(3.1)	(2.6)
Impairment and sale of non-protein businesses	3.1	—	—
Impact of the Tax Act	(37.9)	—	—
Other	(1.6)	(1.9)	(3.3)
	(10.3)%	32.3 %	31.8 %

During fiscal 2018, the domestic production deduction decreased tax expense by \$46 million , and state tax expense, net of federal tax benefit, was \$90 million . The change in federal tax rate from the Tax Act resulted in a tax benefit of \$1,004 million related to deferred tax remeasurement. Additionally, current year favorable timing differences currently deductible at the 24.5% blended tax rate but reversing in future years at 21% resulted in a \$35 million tax benefit. The impacts of the non-deductible impairment and sale of certain assets in our non-protein businesses increased the effective tax rate by 3.1% .

During fiscal 2017, the domestic production deduction decreased tax expense by \$80 million , and state tax expense, net of federal tax benefit, was \$61 million .

During fiscal 2016, the domestic production deduction decreased tax expense by \$68 million , and state tax expense, net of federal tax benefit, was \$70 million .

Approximately \$2,700 million , \$2,603 million and \$2,543 million of income from continuing operations before income taxes for fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively, were from our operations based in the United States.

We recognize deferred income taxes for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

The fiscal 2018 deferred tax liability includes the effects of the Tax Act, including remeasurement of deferred taxes and bonus depreciation. The tax effects of major items recorded as deferred tax assets and liabilities as of September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , are as follows:

						in millions	
						2018	2017
						Deferred Tax Assets	Deferred Tax Liabilities
						Assets	Liabilities
Property, plant and equipment	\$	—	\$	714	\$	—	\$ 900
Intangible assets		—		1,533		—	2,424
Accrued expenses		230		—		400	—
Net operating loss and other carryforwards		92		—		97	—
Other		98		193		204	273
	\$	420	\$	2,440	\$	701	\$ 3,597
Valuation allowance	\$	(79)			\$	(75)	
Net deferred tax liability			\$	2,099		\$	2,971

At September 29, 2018 , our gross state tax net operating loss carryforwards approximated \$662 million and expire in fiscal years 2019 through 2038 . Gross foreign net operating loss carryforwards approximated \$46 million , of which \$41 million expire in fiscal years 2019 through 2028 , and the remainder has no expiration. We also have tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$47 million , of which \$43 million expire in fiscal years 2019 through 2031 , and the remainder has no expiration.

We have accumulated undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries aggregating approximately \$210 million and \$182 million at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , respectively. The Tax Act generally eliminates U.S. federal income taxes on dividends from foreign subsidiaries after December 31, 2017. As a result, our intention is that excess cash held by our foreign subsidiaries that is not subject to regulatory restrictions is expected to be repatriated net of applicable withholding taxes which are expected to be immaterial. The remainder of accumulated undistributed earnings are expected to be indefinitely reinvested outside of the United States. If these earnings were distributed in the form of dividends or otherwise, we could be subject to state income taxes and withholding taxes payable to various foreign countries. Due to the uncertainty of the manner in which the undistributed earnings would be brought back to the United States and the tax laws in effect at that time, it is not currently practicable to estimate the tax liability that might be payable on the repatriation of these foreign earnings.

The following table summarizes the activity related to our gross unrecognized tax benefits at September 29, 2018 , September 30, 2017 , and October 1, 2016 :

	in millions		
	2018	2017	2016
Balance as of the beginning of the year	\$ 316	\$ 305	\$ 306
Increases related to current year tax positions	19	38	35
Increases related to prior year tax positions	8	5	31
Increase related to AdvancePierre acquisition	—	9	—
Reductions related to prior year tax positions	(18)	(27)	(48)
Reductions related to settlements	(8)	(4)	(7)
Reductions related to expirations of statutes of limitations	(9)	(10)	(12)
Balance as of the end of the year	\$ 308	\$ 316	\$ 305

The amount of unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, that would impact our effective tax rate was \$216 million at September 29, 2018 and \$205 million at September 30, 2017 . We classify interest and penalties on unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. At September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , before tax benefits, we had \$73 million and \$63 million , respectively, of accrued interest and penalties on unrecognized tax benefits.

As of September 29, 2018 , we are subject to income tax examinations for United States federal income taxes for fiscal years 2013 through 2017. We are also subject to income tax examinations by major state and foreign jurisdictions for fiscal years 2007 through 2017 and 2002 through 2017, respectively. We estimate that during the next twelve months it is reasonably possible that unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by as much as \$28 million primarily due to expiration of statutes and settlements in various jurisdictions.

#### NOTE 10: OTHER INCOME AND CHARGES

During fiscal 2018, we recognized a one-time cash bonus to our hourly frontline employees of \$109 million using incremental cash savings from the Tax Act, which was predominantly recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Income in Cost of Sales. Additionally, we recorded \$11 million of insurance proceeds, \$21 million of equity earnings in joint ventures and \$1 million in net foreign currency exchange gains, which were recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income in Other, net.

During fiscal 2017, we recorded \$28 million of legal costs related to two former subsidiaries of Hillshire Brands, which were sold by Hillshire Brands in 1986 and 1994, \$18 million of acquisition bridge financing fees related to the AdvancePierre acquisition and \$19 million of equity earnings in joint ventures, which were recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Income in Other, net.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2017, we recorded a \$52 million impairment charge related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation. The impairment was comprised of \$43 million of property, plant and equipment, \$8 million of definite lived intangible assets and \$1 million of other assets. This charge, of which \$44 million was included in the Consolidated Statements of Income in Cost of Sales and \$8 million was included in the Consolidated Statements of Income in Selling, General and Administrative, was triggered by a change in a co-manufacturing contract and ongoing losses.

During fiscal 2016, we recorded \$12 million of equity earnings in joint ventures and \$4 million in net foreign currency exchange losses, which were recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Income in Other, net.

**NOTE 11: EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The earnings and weighted average common shares used in the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	in millions, except per share data		
	2018	2017	2016
Numerator:			
Net income	\$ 3,027	\$ 1,778	\$ 1,772
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	3	4	4
Net income attributable to Tyson	3,024	1,774	1,768
Less dividends declared:			
Class A	378	285	192
Class B	80	61	41
Undistributed earnings	\$ 2,566	\$ 1,428	\$ 1,535
Class A undistributed earnings	\$ 2,115	\$ 1,177	\$ 1,279
Class B undistributed earnings	451	251	256
Total undistributed earnings	\$ 2,566	\$ 1,428	\$ 1,535
Denominator:			
Denominator for basic earnings per share:			
Class A weighted average shares	295	296	315
Class B weighted average shares, and shares under if-converted method for diluted earnings per share	70	70	70
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock options and restricted stock	4	4	5
Denominator for diluted earnings per share – adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions	369	370	390
Net Income Per Share Attributable to Tyson:			
Class A Basic	\$ 8.44	\$ 4.94	\$ 4.67
Class B Basic	\$ 7.59	\$ 4.45	\$ 4.24
Diluted	\$ 8.19	\$ 4.79	\$ 4.53
Dividends Declared Per Share:			
Class A	\$ 1.275	\$ 0.975	\$ 0.650
Class B	\$ 1.148	\$ 0.878	\$ 0.585

Approximately 1 million of our stock-based compensation shares were antidilutive for both fiscal 2018 and 2017 . We had no stock-based compensation shares that were antidilutive for fiscal 2016 . These shares were not included in the dilutive earnings per share calculation.

We have two classes of capital stock, Class A stock and Class B stock. Cash dividends cannot be paid to holders of Class B stock unless they are simultaneously paid to holders of Class A stock. The per share amount of cash dividends paid to holders of Class B stock cannot exceed 90% of the cash dividends paid to holders of Class A stock.

We allocate undistributed earnings based upon a 1 to 0.9 ratio per share to Class A stock and Class B stock, respectively. We allocate undistributed earnings based on this ratio due to historical dividend patterns, voting control of Class B shareholders and contractual limitations of dividends to Class B stock.

## NOTE 12: DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Our business operations give rise to certain market risk exposures mostly due to changes in commodity prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. We manage a portion of these risks through the use of derivative financial instruments to reduce our exposure to commodity price risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk. Our risk management programs are periodically reviewed by our Board of Directors' Audit Committee. These programs are monitored by senior management and may be revised as market conditions dictate. Our current risk management programs utilize industry-standard models that take into account the implicit cost of hedging. Risks associated with our market risks and those created by derivative instruments and the fair values are strictly monitored, using value-at-risk and stress tests. Credit risks associated with our derivative contracts are not significant as we minimize counterparty concentrations, utilize margin accounts or letters of credit, and deal with credit-worthy counterparties. Additionally, our derivative contracts are mostly short-term in duration and we generally do not make use of credit-risk-related contingent features. No significant concentrations of credit risk existed at September 29, 2018.

We had the following aggregated outstanding notional amounts related to our derivative financial instruments:

		in millions, except soy meal tons	
	Metric	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Commodity:			
Corn	Bushels	112	55
Soy Meal	Tons	651,700	475,200
Live Cattle	Pounds	105	211
Lean Hogs	Pounds	39	240
Foreign Currency	United States dollar \$	89	\$ 58
Interest rate swap	Average monthly debt \$	400	\$ —

We recognize all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities at fair value in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, with the exception of normal purchases and normal sales expected to result in physical delivery. For those derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments, we designate the hedging instrument based upon the exposure being hedged (i.e., cash flow hedge or fair value hedge). We designate certain forward contracts as follows:

- Cash Flow Hedges – include certain commodity forward and option contracts of forecasted purchases (i.e., grains), interest rate swaps, and certain foreign exchange forward contracts.
- Fair Value Hedges – include certain commodity forward contracts of firm commitments (i.e., livestock).

### Cash flow hedges

Derivative instruments are designated as hedges against changes in the amount of future cash flows related to procurement of certain commodities utilized in our production processes as well as interest rates to our variable rate debt. For the derivative instruments we designate and qualify as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative is reported as a component of other comprehensive income ("OCI") and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Gains and losses representing hedge ineffectiveness are recognized in earnings in the current period. Ineffectiveness related to our cash flow hedges was not significant during fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016. As of September 29, 2018, we have net pretax losses of \$ 11 million for our commodity contracts, and \$1 million pretax gains related to our interest swaps, expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months. During fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, we did not reclassify significant pretax gains or losses into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges.

The following table sets forth the pretax impact of cash flow hedge derivative instruments in the Consolidated Statements of Income:

		in millions					
		Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives			Consolidated Statements of Income Classification		
		2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
Cash Flow Hedge – Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:							
Commodity contracts	\$ (21)	\$ (3)	\$ (1)	Cost of Sales	\$ (12)	\$ (4)	\$ 1
Interest rate swaps	1	—	—	Interest expense	—	—	—
Total	\$ (20)	\$ (3)	\$ (1)		\$ (12)	\$ (4)	\$ 1

### Fair value hedges

We designate certain derivative contracts as fair value hedges of firm commitments to purchase livestock for harvest. Our objective of these hedges is to minimize the risk of changes in fair value created by fluctuations in commodity prices associated with fixed price livestock firm commitments. For these derivative instruments we designate and qualify as a fair value hedge, the gain or loss on the derivative, as well as the offsetting gain or loss on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, are recognized in earnings in the same period. We include the gain or loss on the hedged items (i.e., livestock purchase firm commitments) in the same line item, Cost of Sales, as the offsetting gain or loss on the related livestock forward position.

in millions				
	Consolidated Statements of Income Classification	2018	2017	2016
Gain (Loss) on forwards	Cost of Sales	\$ 12	\$ (20)	\$ 89
Gain (Loss) on purchase contract	Cost of Sales	(12)	20	(89)

Ineffectiveness related to our fair value hedges was not significant during fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 .

### Undesignated positions

In addition to our designated positions, we also hold derivative contracts for which we do not apply hedge accounting. These include certain derivative instruments related to commodities price risk, including grains, livestock, energy and foreign currency risk. We mark these positions to fair value through earnings at each reporting date.

The following table sets forth the pretax impact of the undesignated derivative instruments in the Consolidated Statements of Income:

in millions				
	Consolidated Statements of Income Classification	2018	2017	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings 2016
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Commodity contracts	Sales	\$ 18	\$ 111	\$ (73)
Commodity contracts	Cost of Sales	(33)	(95)	17
Foreign exchange contracts	Other Income/Expense	(3)	—	2
Total		\$ (18)	\$ 16	\$ (54)

The fair value of all outstanding derivative instruments in the Consolidated Balance Sheets are included in Note 13: Fair Value Measurements.

### **NOTE 13: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy contains three levels as follows:

*Level 1* — Unadjusted quoted prices available in active markets for the identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

*Level 2* — Other observable inputs available at the measurement date, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, either directly or indirectly, including:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in non-active markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
- Inputs derived principally from or corroborated by other observable market data.

*Level 3* — Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data and reflect the use of significant management judgment. These values are generally determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates of market participant assumptions.

### Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The fair value hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. In instances where the inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the fair value measurement has been determined based on the lowest level input significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Our assessment of the significance of a particular item to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, including the consideration of inputs specific to the asset or liability.

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy our financial assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis according to the valuation techniques we used to determine their fair values:

						in millions			
September 29, 2018	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Netting (a)		Total
Other Current Assets:									
Derivative financial instruments:									
Designated as hedges	\$	—	\$	2	\$	—	\$	(1)	\$ 1
Undesignated		—		44		—		(19)	25
Available for sale securities:									
Current		—		1		—		—	1
Other assets:									
Available for sale securities:									
Non-current		—		46		51		—	97
Deferred compensation assets		21		295		—		—	316
Total assets	\$	21	\$	388	\$	51	\$	(20)	\$ 440
Other Current Liabilities:									
Derivative financial instruments:									
Designated as hedges	\$	—	\$	8	\$	—	\$	(8)	\$ —
Undesignated		—		35		—		(30)	5
Total liabilities	\$	—	\$	43	\$	—	\$	(38)	\$ 5
September 30, 2017	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Netting (a)		Total
Other Current Assets:									
Derivative financial instruments:									
Designated as hedges	\$	—	\$	10	\$	—	\$	(1)	\$ 9
Undesignated		—		24		—		(3)	21
Available for sale securities:									
Current		—		2		1		—	3
Other Assets:									
Available for sale securities:									
Non-current		—		45		50		—	95
Deferred Compensation assets		23		272		—		—	295
Total assets	\$	23	\$	353	\$	51	\$	(4)	\$ 423
Other Current Liabilities:									
Derivative financial instruments:									
Designated as hedges	\$	—	\$	9	\$	—	\$	(9)	\$ —
Undesignated		—		21		—		(17)	4
Total liabilities	\$	—	\$	30	\$	—	\$	(26)	\$ 4

- (a) Our derivative assets and liabilities are presented in our Consolidated Balance Sheets on a net basis when a legally enforceable master netting arrangement exists between the counterparty to a derivative contract and us. Additionally, at September 29, 2018, and September 30, 2017, we had \$18 million and \$22 million, respectively, of cash collateral posted with various counterparties where master netting arrangements exist and held no cash collateral.

The following table provides a reconciliation between the beginning and ending balance of marketable debt securities measured at fair value on a recurring basis in the table above that used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

	September 29, 2018		September 30, 2017	
	in millions			
Balance at beginning of year	\$	51	\$	57
Total realized and unrealized gains (losses):				
Included in earnings		—		—
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)		(1)		(1)
Purchases		20		13
Issuances		—		—
Settlements		(19)		(18)
Balance at end of year	\$	51	\$	51
Total gains (losses) for the periods included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to assets and liabilities still held at end of year	\$	—	\$	—

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

**Derivative Assets and Liabilities:** Our derivative financial instruments primarily include exchange-traded and over-the-counter contracts which are further described in Note 12: Derivative Financial Instruments. We record our derivative financial instruments at fair value using quoted market prices, adjusted where necessary for credit and non-performance risk and internal models that use readily observable market inputs as their basis, including current and forward market prices and rates. We classify these instruments in Level 2 when quoted market prices can be corroborated utilizing observable current and forward commodity market prices on active exchanges or observable market transactions.

**Available for Sale Securities:** Our investments in marketable debt securities are classified as available-for-sale and are reported at fair value based on pricing models and quoted market prices adjusted for credit and non-performance risk. Short-term investments with maturities of less than 12 months are included in Other current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and primarily include certificates of deposit and commercial paper. All other marketable debt securities are included in Other Assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and have maturities ranging up to 32 years. We classify our investments in U.S. government, U.S. agency, certificates of deposit and commercial paper debt securities as Level 2 as fair value is generally estimated using discounted cash flow models that are primarily industry-standard models that consider various assumptions, including time value and yield curve as well as other readily available relevant economic measures. We classify certain corporate, asset-backed and other debt securities as Level 3 as there is limited activity or less observable inputs into valuation models, including current interest rates and estimated prepayment, default and recovery rates on the underlying portfolio or structured investment vehicle. Significant changes to assumptions or unobservable inputs in the valuation of our Level 3 instruments would not have a significant impact to our consolidated financial statements.

The following table sets forth our available-for-sale securities' amortized cost basis, fair value and unrealized gain (loss) by significant investment category (in millions):

	September 29, 2018			September 30, 2017		
	in millions					
	Amortized Cost Basis	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	Amortized Cost Basis	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)
Available for Sale Securities:						
Debt Securities:						
United States Treasury and Agency	\$ 48	\$ 47	\$ (1)	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ —
Corporate and Asset-Backed	52	51	(1)	51	51	—

Unrealized holding gains (losses), net of tax, are excluded from earnings and reported in OCI until the security is settled or sold. On a quarterly basis, we evaluate whether losses related to our available-for-sale securities are temporary in nature. Losses on equity securities are recognized in earnings if the decline in value is judged to be other than temporary. If losses related to our debt securities are determined to be other than temporary, the loss would be recognized in earnings if we intend, or more likely than not will be required, to sell the security prior to recovery. For debt securities in which we have the intent and ability to hold until maturity, losses determined to be other than temporary would remain in OCI, other than expected credit losses which are recognized in earnings. We consider many factors in determining whether a loss is temporary, including the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been below cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer and our ability and intent to hold the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery. We recognized no other than temporary impairment in earnings for fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2017. No other than temporary losses were deferred in OCI as of September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 .

**Deferred Compensation Assets:** We maintain non-qualified deferred compensation plans for certain executives and other highly compensated employees. Investments are generally maintained within a trust and include money market funds, mutual funds and life insurance policies. The cash surrender value of the life insurance policies is invested primarily in mutual funds. The investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices and are included in Other Assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. We classify the investments which have observable market prices in active markets in Level 1 as these are generally publicly-traded mutual funds. The remaining deferred compensation assets are classified in Level 2, as fair value can be corroborated based on observable market data. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on deferred compensation are included in earnings.

#### Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

In addition to assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, we record assets and liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. Generally, assets are recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as a result of impairment charges.

In fiscal 2018, we recorded \$101 million of impairment charges related to the expected sale of non-protein businesses held for sale, due to revised estimates of the businesses' fair value based on current expected net sales proceeds at the time of the impairment. These charges were recorded in Cost of Sales in our Consolidated Statement of Income, and primarily consisted of Goodwill previously classified within Assets held for sale. Our valuation included unobservable Level 3 inputs and was based on expected sales proceeds from a competitive bidding process and ongoing discussions with potential buyers.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017, we recorded an impairment charge totaling \$45 million , related to one of the non-protein businesses held for sale, due to a revised estimate of the business' fair value based on current expected net sales proceeds. The impairment charge was recorded in Cost of Sales in our Consolidated Statement of Income for fiscal 2017, and consisted of Goodwill and Intangible Assets previously classified within Assets held for sale. Our valuation included unobservable Level 3 inputs and was based on expected sales proceeds following a competitive bidding process.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2017, we recorded a \$52 million impairment charge related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation. The impairment was comprised of \$43 million of property, plant and equipment, \$8 million of definite lived intangibles assets and \$1 million of other assets. This charge, of which \$44 million was included in the Consolidated Statements of Income in Cost of Sales and \$8 million was included in the Consolidated Statements of Income in Selling, General and Administrative, was triggered by a change in a co-manufacturing contract and ongoing losses. Our valuation of these assets was primarily based on discounted cash flows and relief-from-royalty models, which included unobservable Level 3 inputs.

We did not have any significant measurements of assets or liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis subsequent to their initial recognition during fiscal 2016.

#### Other Financial Instruments

Fair value of our debt is principally estimated using Level 2 inputs based on quoted prices for those or similar instruments. Fair value and carrying value for our debt are as follows:

		in millions			
		September 29, 2018		September 30, 2017	
		Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value
Total Debt	\$	9,775	\$ 9,873	\$ 10,591	\$ 10,203

#### Concentrations of Credit Risk

Our financial instruments exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. Our cash equivalents are in high quality securities placed with major banks and financial institutions. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to receivables are limited due to the large number of customers and their dispersion across geographic areas. We perform periodic credit evaluations of our customers' financial condition and generally do not require collateral. At September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , 18.6% of our net accounts receivable balance was due from Walmart Inc. No other single customer or customer group represented greater than 10% of net accounts receivable.



## NOTE 14: STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

We issue shares under our stock-based compensation plans by issuing Class A stock from treasury. The total number of shares available for future grant under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (Incentive Plan) was 16,150,273 at September 29, 2018 .

### Stock Options

Shareholders approved the Incentive Plan in January 2001. The Incentive Plan is administered by the Compensation and Leadership Development Committee of the Board of Directors (Compensation Committee). The Incentive Plan includes provisions for granting incentive stock options for shares of Class A stock at a price not less than the fair value at the date of grant. Nonqualified stock options may be granted at a price equal to or more than the fair value of Class A stock on the date the option is granted. Stock options under the Incentive Plan generally become exercisable ratably over three years from the date of grant and must be exercised within 10 years from the date of grant. Our policy is to recognize compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for the entire award.

	Shares Under Option	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
Outstanding, September 30, 2017	7,547,518	\$ 40.54		
Exercised	(2,615,963)	38.67		
Forfeited or expired	(120,897)	60.80		
Granted	1,183,490	78.16		
Outstanding, September 29, 2018	5,994,148	48.37	6.7	\$ 88
Exercisable, September 29, 2018	3,793,715	\$ 37.63	5.6	\$ 84

We generally grant stock options once a year. The weighted average grant-date fair value of options granted in fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 was \$18.31 , \$13.42 and \$11.47 , respectively. The fair value of each option grant is established on the date of grant using a binomial lattice method. We use historical volatility for a period of time comparable to the expected life of the option to determine volatility assumptions. Expected life is calculated based on the contractual term of each grant and takes into account the historical exercise and termination behavior of participants. Risk-free interest rates are based on the five-year Treasury bond rate. In fiscal 2018, an additional grant was awarded for two executive officers who joined the Company subsequent to the initial annual grant. Accordingly, the assumptions below for fiscal 2018 are calculated using the weighted average amounts for the two fiscal 2018 grants. Assumptions as of the grant date used in the fair value calculation of each year's grants are outlined in the following table.

	2018	2017	2016
Expected life (in years)	5.9	5.4	6.4
Risk-free interest rate	2.1%	1.8%	1.6%
Expected volatility	23.5%	24.7%	24.8%
Expected dividend yield	1.5%	1.3% - 1.4%	1.2% - 2.6%

We recognized stock-based compensation expense related to stock options, net of income taxes, of \$13 million , \$22 million and \$23 million for fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively. The related tax benefit for fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 was \$6 million , \$14 million and \$15 million , respectively. We had 2.2 million , 4.1 million and 3.8 million options vest in fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively, with a grant date fair value of \$27 million , \$47 million and \$38 million , respectively.

In fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , we received cash of \$102 million , \$154 million and \$128 million , respectively, for the exercise of stock options. Shares are issued from treasury for stock option exercises. The related tax benefit realized from stock options exercised during fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , was \$30 million , \$65 million and \$80 million , respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised in fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , was \$103 million , \$164 million and \$204 million , respectively. Cash flows resulting from tax deductions in excess of the compensation cost of those options (excess tax deductions) are classified as financing cash flows. We realized \$20 million , \$42 million and \$58 million related to excess tax deductions during fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively.

As of September 29, 2018 , we had \$18 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock option plans that will be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.3 years .

### Restricted Stock

We issue restricted stock at the market value as of the date of grant, with restrictions expiring over periods through fiscal 2020. Unearned compensation is recognized over the vesting period for the particular grant using a straight-line method.

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant- Date Fair Value Per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
Nonvested, September 30, 2017	1,715,100	\$ 51.21		
Granted	545,015	77.25		
Dividends	27,033	61.37		
Vested	(608,371)	45.02		
Forfeited	(178,801)	56.94		
Nonvested, September 29, 2018	1,499,976	\$ 62.68	1.3	\$ 89

As of September 29, 2018, we had \$40 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock awards that will be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.9 years.

We recognized stock-based compensation expense related to restricted stock, net of income taxes, of \$22 million, \$18 million and \$14 million for fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The related tax benefit for fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$9 million, \$11 million and \$9 million, respectively. We had 0.6 million, 0.5 million and 0.2 million restricted stock awards vest in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, with a grant date fair value of \$27 million, \$19 million and \$4 million, respectively.

### Performance-Based Shares

We award performance-based shares of our Class A stock to certain employees. These awards are typically granted once a year. Performance-based shares vest based upon the passage of time and the achievement of performance or market performance criteria, ranging from 0% to 200%, as determined by the Compensation Committee prior to the date of the award. Vesting periods for these awards are three years. We review progress toward the attainment of the performance criteria each quarter during the vesting period. When it is probable the minimum performance criteria for an award will be achieved, we begin recognizing the expense equal to the proportionate share of the total fair value of the Class A stock price on the grant date. The total expense recognized over the duration of performance awards will equal the Class A stock price on the date of grant multiplied by the number of shares ultimately awarded based on the level of attainment of the performance criteria. For grants with market performance criteria, the fair value is determined on the grant date and is calculated using the same inputs for expected volatility, expected dividend yield, and risk-free rate as stock options, noted above, with a duration of three years. The total expense recognized over the duration of the award will equal the fair value, regardless if the market performance criteria is met.

The following table summarizes the performance-based shares at the maximum award amounts based upon the respective performance share agreements. Actual shares that will vest depend on the level of attainment of the performance-based criteria.

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant- Date Fair Value Per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
Nonvested, September 30, 2017	2,157,115	\$ 38.92		
Granted	668,246	62.92		
Vested	(396,468)	27.95		
Forfeited	(232,594)	46.40		
Nonvested, September 29, 2018	2,196,299	\$ 47.41	1.0	\$ 131

We recognized stock-based compensation expense related to performance shares, net of income taxes, of \$12 million, \$16 million and \$11 million for fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The related tax benefit for fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$5 million, \$10 million and \$7 million, respectively. As of September 29, 2018, we had \$25 million of total unrecognized compensation based upon our progress toward the attainment of criteria related to performance-based share awards that will be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.8 years.

## NOTE 15: PENSIONS AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS

At September 29, 2018, we had nine defined benefit pension plans consisting of six funded qualified plans, which are all frozen and noncontributory, and three unfunded non-qualified plans. The benefits provided under these plans are based on a formula using years of service and either a specified benefit rate or compensation level. The non-qualified defined benefit plans are for certain contracted officers and use a formula based on years of service and final average salary. We also have other postretirement benefit plans for which substantially all of our employees may receive benefits if they satisfy applicable eligibility criteria. The postretirement healthcare plans are contributory with participants' contributions adjusted when deemed necessary.

We have defined contribution retirement programs for various groups of employees. We recognized expenses of \$84 million, \$78 million and \$67 million in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

We use a fiscal year end measurement date for our defined benefit plans and other postretirement plans. We recognize the effect of actuarial gains and losses into earnings immediately for other postretirement plans rather than amortizing the effect over future periods.

Other postretirement benefits include postretirement medical costs and life insurance.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2017, we issued a notice of intent to terminate two of our qualified pension plans with a termination date of April 30, 2017. The settlements of the terminated plans will occur in the first quarter of fiscal 2019, through purchased annuities. We made minimal additional contributions in preparation for the estimated \$21 million one-time settlement charge at final liquidation.

Additionally, subsequent to our fiscal year ended September 29, 2018, we issued a notice of intent to terminate three of our qualified pension plans with termination dates in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. The settlements of these plans are expected to occur in fiscal 2020, through purchased annuities. Since the amount of the settlement depends on a number of factors determined as of the liquidation date, including the annuity pricing, interest rate environment and asset experience, we are currently unable to determine the ultimate cost of the settlement. However, based on current market rates the one-time settlement gain at final liquidation is estimated to be in the range of approximately \$35 million to \$55 million. Contributions to purchase annuities at the time of settlement are expected to be in the range of approximately \$5 million to \$25 million based on current market conditions of each plan at September 29, 2018.

### Benefit Obligations and Funded Status

The following table provides a reconciliation of the changes in the plans' benefit obligations, assets and funded status at September 29, 2018, and September 30, 2017:

	in millions							
	Pension Benefits				Other Postretirement			
	Qualified		Non-Qualified		Benefits			
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017		
Change in benefit obligation								
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 1,477	\$ 1,554	\$ 230	\$ 222	\$ 33	\$ 36		
Service cost	—	2	7	11	1	1		
Interest cost	55	57	8	8	1	1		
Curtailment	—	—	(5)	—	—	—		
Plan amendments	—	—	5	—	—	—		
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(60)	(52)	(10)	1	(5)	(1)		
Benefits paid	(80)	(84)	(15)	(12)	(2)	(4)		
Benefit obligation at end of year	1,392	1,477	220	230	28	33		
Change in plan assets								
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	1,512	1,440	—	—	—	—		
Actual return on plan assets	4	115	—	—	—	—		
Employer contributions	14	41	15	12	2	4		
Benefits paid	(80)	(84)	(15)	(12)	(2)	(4)		
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	1,450	1,512	—	—	—	—		
Funded status	\$ 58	\$ 35	\$ (220)	\$ (230)	\$ (28)	\$ (33)		

Amounts recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets consist of:

	in millions					
	Pension Benefits				Other Postretirement Benefits	
	Qualified		Non-Qualified			
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Other assets	\$ 61	\$ 44	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Other current liabilities	(3)	—	(12)	(11)	(3)	(3)
Other liabilities	—	(9)	(208)	(219)	(25)	(30)
Total assets (liabilities)	\$ 58	\$ 35	\$ (220)	\$ (230)	\$ (28)	\$ (33)

Amounts recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income consist of:

	in millions					
	Pension Benefits				Other Postretirement Benefits	
	Qualified		Non-Qualified			
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Accumulated other comprehensive (income)/loss:						
Actuarial (gain) loss	\$ (96)	\$ (94)	\$ 31	\$ 50	\$ —	\$ —
Prior service (credit) cost (a)	—	—	5	—	(49)	(73)
Total accumulated other comprehensive (income)/loss:	\$ (96)	\$ (94)	\$ 36	\$ 50	\$ (49)	\$ (73)

(a) The change in prior service credit is primarily attributed to the plan amendments to the other postretirement benefits as noted within the change in benefit obligation with remainder of the change being immaterial.

We had five pension plans at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , that had an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets. Plans with accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets are as follows:

	in millions			
	Pension Benefits			
	Qualified		Non-Qualified	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Projected benefit obligation	\$ 49	\$ 361	\$ 220	\$ 230
Accumulated benefit obligation	49	361	219	220
Fair value of plan assets	45	352	—	—

The accumulated benefit obligation for all qualified pension plans was \$1,392 million and \$1,477 million at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , respectively.

#### Net Periodic Benefit Cost (Credit)

Components of net periodic benefit cost (credit) for pension and postretirement benefit plans recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income are as follows:

	in millions								
	Pension Benefits						Other Postretirement Benefits		
	Qualified			Non-Qualified					
	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
Service cost	\$ —	\$ 2	\$ 8	\$ 7	\$ 11	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1
Interest cost	55	57	65	8	8	9	1	1	3
Expected return on plan assets	(62)	(59)	(65)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amortization of prior service cost	1	—	—	1	—	—	(25)	(25)	(20)
Recognized actuarial loss (gain), net	—	1	2	3	6	5	(5)	(1)	(15)
Recognized settlement loss (gain)	—	2	(12)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$ (6)	\$ 3	\$ (2)	\$ 19	\$ 25	\$ 20	\$ (28)	\$ (24)	\$ (31)

As of September 29, 2018 , the amounts expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months related to net periodic benefit cost (credit) for the qualified and non-qualified pension plans, excluding pending settlements, are (\$1) million and \$3 million , respectively. As of September 29, 2018 , the amount expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months related to net periodic benefit credit for the other postretirement benefits is \$11 million .

#### Assumptions

Weighted average assumptions are as follows:

	Pension Benefits						Other Postretirement Benefits		
	Qualified			Non-Qualified					
	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
Discount rate to determine net periodic benefit cost	3.85%	3.72%	4.47%	3.88%	3.77%	4.41%	3.39%	3.09%	3.54%
Discount rate to determine benefit obligations	4.26%	3.85%	3.72%	4.31%	3.88%	3.77%	4.11%	3.39%	3.09%
Rate of compensation increase	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.53%	2.44%	2.46%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Expected return on plan assets	4.20%	4.21%	4.15%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

To determine the expected return on plan assets assumption, we first examined historical rates of return for the various asset classes within the plans. We then determined a long-term projected rate-of-return based on expected returns.

Our discount rate assumptions used to account for pension and other postretirement benefit plans reflect the rates at which the benefit obligations could be effectively settled. These were determined using a cash flow matching technique whereby the rates of a yield curve, developed from high-quality debt securities, were applied to the benefit obligations to determine the appropriate discount rate. For all periods presented, all pension and other postretirement benefit plans used the RP-2014 mortality tables.

We have five other postretirement benefit plans which are healthcare and life insurance related. Two of these plans, with benefit obligations totaling \$17 million at September 29, 2018 , were not impacted by healthcare cost trend rates as one consists of fixed annual payments and one is life insurance related. Two of the healthcare plans, with benefit obligations less than \$1 million at September 29, 2018 , were not impacted by healthcare cost trend rates due to previous plan amendments. The remaining plan, with benefit obligation totaling \$10 million at September 29, 2018 , utilized an assumed healthcare cost trend rate of 7.6% . The healthcare cost trend rate will be grading down to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2027.

A one-percentage-point change in assumed health-care cost trend rates would have the following effects:

				in millions
		One Percentage Point Increase		One Percentage Point Decrease
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation	\$	1	\$	(1)

#### Plan Assets

The following table sets forth the actual and target asset allocation for pension plan assets:

	2018	2017	Target Asset Allocation
Cash	0.9%	1.1%	—%
Fixed income securities	99.1	87.4	100.0
United States stock funds	—	3.5	—
International stock funds	—	5.6	—
Real estate	—	2.4	—
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Additionally, one of our foreign subsidiary pension plans had \$30 million and \$28 million in plan assets held in an insurance trust at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , respectively.

The plan trustees have established a set of investment objectives related to the assets of the domestic pension plans and regularly monitor the performance of the funds and portfolio managers. The 100% target asset allocation to fixed income securities is based upon the intent to terminate these plans.

Our domestic plan assets consist mainly of common collective trusts which are primarily comprised of fixed income funds, equity securities and other investments. Fixed income securities can include, but are not limited to, direct bond investments, and pooled or indirect bond investments. Other investments may include, but are not limited to, international and domestic equities, real estate, commodities and private equity. Derivative instruments may also be used in concert with either fixed income or equity investments to achieve desired exposure or to hedge certain risks. Derivative instruments can include, but are not limited to, futures, options, swaps or swaptions. Our domestic plan assets also include mutual funds. We believe there are no significant concentrations of risk within our plan assets as of September 29, 2018.

The following tables show the categories of pension plan assets and the level under which fair values were determined in the fair value hierarchy, which is described in Note 13: Fair Value Measurements.

							in millions
September 29, 2018		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12	\$	—	\$	—	\$ 12
Insurance contract at contract value (a)		—		—		30	30
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	\$	12	\$	—	\$	30	\$ 42
Investments measured at net asset value:							
Common collective trusts (b)							1,408
Total plan assets						\$	1,450

							in millions
September 30, 2017		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	15	\$	—	\$	—	\$ 15
Insurance contract at contract value (a)		—		—		28	28
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	\$	15	\$	—	\$	28	\$ 43
Investments measured at net asset value:							
Common collective trusts (b)							1,469
Total plan assets						\$	1,512

- (a) We classify insurance contracts as Level 3 as there is limited activity or less observable inputs into valuation models, including current interest rates and estimated prepayment, default and recovery rates on the underlying portfolio or structured investment vehicle. The insurance contracts are valued using the plan's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the assets based on the best information available, such as investment manager pricing. Significant changes to assumptions or unobservable inputs in the valuation of our Level 3 instruments would not have a significant impact to our consolidated financial statements.
- (b) Funds that are measured at fair value using the net asset value (NAV) per share practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The amounts presented above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the fair value of total plan assets in order to determine the amounts included in Other Assets and Other Liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

A reconciliation of the change in the fair value measurement of the defined benefit plans' consolidated assets using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) is as follows:

				in millions
		Insurance contract	Total	
	September 30, 2017	\$ 28	\$ 28	
Actual return on plan assets:				
Assets still held at reporting date		2	2	
Assets sold during the period		—	—	
Purchases, sales and settlements, net		—	—	
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3		—	—	
	September 29, 2018	\$ 30	\$ 30	

### Contributions

Our policy is to fund at least the minimum contribution required to meet applicable federal employee benefit and local tax laws. In our sole discretion, we may from time to time fund additional amounts. Expected contributions to pension plans for fiscal 2019 are approximately \$15 million. For fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, we funded \$29 million, \$53 million and \$64 million, respectively, to pension plans.

### Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The following benefit payments are expected to be paid:

	in millions			
	Pension Benefits		Other Postretirement	
	Qualified	Non-Qualified	Benefits	
2019	\$ 122	\$ 12	\$	3
2020	79	12		3
2021	80	13		3
2022	81	13		3
2023	82	14		2
2024-2028	417	69		11

The above benefit payments for other postretirement benefit plans are not expected to be offset by Medicare Part D subsidies in fiscal 2019.

The above 2019 benefit payments include anticipated payments for a plan termination within two of our qualified pension plans. The plan termination process for these plans began on April, 30, 2017, and full settlement is expected to occur in the first quarter of fiscal 2019.

The above 2020 benefit payments do not include anticipated accelerated payments for a plan termination within three of our qualified pension plans. The plan termination process for one of these plans began on October 1, 2018 and for the remaining two plans is expected to begin December 31, 2018, and full settlement is expected to occur in fiscal 2020.

### Multi-Employer Plans

Additionally, we participate in a multi-employer plan that provides defined benefits to certain employees covered by collective bargaining agreements. Such plans are usually administered by a board of trustees composed of the management of the participating companies and labor representatives.

The risks of participating in multi-employer plans are different from single-employer plans. Assets contributed to the multi-employer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers. If a participating employer stops contributing to the plan, the unfunded obligation of the plan may be borne by the remaining participating employers. If we stop participating in a plan, we may be required to pay that plan an amount based on the underfunded status of the plan, referred to as a withdrawal liability. Contributions to the multi-employer pension funds were in excess of 5% of the total plan contributions for plan year 2018 but were not in excess of 5% of the total plan contributions for plan years 2017 and 2016.

The net pension cost of the plan is equal to the annual contribution determined in accordance with the provisions of negotiated labor contracts. Contributions to the plan were \$2 million in fiscal 2018 and 2017. Assets contributed to such plans are not segregated or otherwise restricted to provide benefits only to our employees. The future cost of the plan is dependent on a number of factors including the funded status of the plan and the ability of the other participating companies to meet ongoing funding obligations.

Our participation in this multi-employer plan for fiscal 2018 is outlined below. The EIN/Pension Plan Number column provides the Employer Identification Number (EIN) and the three-digit plan number. Unless otherwise noted, the most recent Pension Protection Act ("PPA") zone status available in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2017 is for the plan's year beginning January 1, 2018, and 2017, respectively. The zone status is based on information that we have received from the plan and is certified by the plan's actuaries. The zone status is a secondary classification, critical and declining, within the red zone for fiscal 2018. Among other factors, plans in the red zone are generally less than 65 percent funded. Plans that are critical and declining status are projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency. The FIP/RP Status column indicates plans for which a financial improvement plan (FIP) or rehabilitation plan (RP) is either pending or has been implemented. The last column lists the expiration date(s) of the collective-bargaining agreements to which the plan is subject. There have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of contributions from year to year.

In addition to regular contributions, we could be obligated to pay additional contributions (known as complete or partial withdrawal liabilities) if it has unfunded vested benefits.

Pension Fund Plan Name	EIN/Pension Plan Number	PPA Zone Status		FIP/RP Status	Contributions (in millions)			Surcharge Imposed	Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement <sup>(a)</sup>
		2018	2017		2018	2017	2016		
Bakery and Confectionery Union and Industry International Pension Fund	52-6118572/001	Red	Red	Nov 2012	\$2	\$2	\$1	10%	October 2015

(a) Renewal negotiations are in progress.

#### NOTE 16: COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss are as follows:

		in millions	
		2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2017
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes:			
Unrealized net hedging loss		\$ (9)	\$ (2)
Unrealized net loss on investments		(1)	—
Currency translation adjustment		(84)	(53)
Postretirement benefits reserve adjustments		79	71
Total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		\$ (15)	\$ 16

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes reclass from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the Tax Act, following adoption of the applicable new accounting standard. Refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 2: Changes in Accounting Principles.

The before and after tax changes in the components of other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows:

		in millions								
		2018			2017			2016		
		Before Tax	Tax	After Tax	Before Tax	Tax	After Tax	Before Tax	Tax	After Tax
Derivatives accounted for as cash flow hedges:										
(Gain) loss reclassified to interest expense		\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
(Gain) loss reclassified to cost of sales		12	(4)	8	4	(2)	2	(1)	1	—
Unrealized gain (loss)		(20)	5	(15)	(3)	1	(2)	(1)	—	(1)
Investments:										
Unrealized gain (loss)		(2)	1	(1)	(1)	—	(1)	(1)	1	—
Currency translation:										
Translation adjustment		(38)	2	(36)	6	—	6	5	(1)	4
Translation loss reclassified to cost of sales		7	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Postretirement benefits		(8)	1	(7)	91	(35)	56	67	(25)	42
Total other comprehensive income (loss)		\$ (49)	\$ 5	\$ (44)	\$ 97	\$ (36)	\$ 61	\$ 69	\$ (24)	\$ 45



## NOTE 17: SEGMENT REPORTING

We operate in four reportable segments: Beef, Pork, Chicken, and Prepared Foods. We measure segment profit as operating income (loss). Other primarily includes our foreign chicken production operations in China, third-party merger and integration costs and corporate overhead related to Tyson New Ventures, LLC.

In fiscal 2017, we acquired and consolidated AdvancePierre, a producer and distributor of value-added, convenient, ready-to-eat sandwiches, sandwich components and other entrées and snacks, and in fiscal 2018, we acquired Original Philly, a valued added protein business. The results from operations of these businesses are included in the Prepared Foods and Chicken segments. In fiscal 2018, we acquired Tecumseh, a vertically integrated value-added protein business, and American Proteins, a poultry rendering and blending operation as part of our strategic expansion and sustainability initiatives. The results from operations of these businesses are included in our Chicken segment. For further description of these transactions, refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

In fiscal 2018, we completed the sale of four non-protein businesses as part of our strategic focus on protein brands. All of these businesses were part of our Prepared Foods segment and included Sara Lee® Frozen Bakery, Kettle, Van's®, and TNT Crust and produced items such as frozen desserts, waffles, snack bars, soups, sauces, sides and pizza crusts. The sales included the Chef Pierre®, Bistro Collection®, Kettle Collection™, and Van's® brands, a license to use the Sara Lee® brand in various channels, as well as our Tarboro, North Carolina, Fort Worth, Texas, Traverse City, Michigan, and Green Bay, Wisconsin prepared foods facilities. For further description of these transactions, refer to Part II, Item 8, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 3: Acquisitions and Dispositions.

**Beef:** Beef includes our operations related to processing live fed cattle and fabricating dressed beef carcasses into primal and sub-primal meat cuts and case-ready products. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international export markets. This segment also includes sales from allied products such as hides and variety meats, as well as logistics operations to move products through the supply chain.

**Pork:** Pork includes our operations related to processing live market hogs and fabricating pork carcasses into primal and sub-primal cuts and case-ready products. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international export markets. This segment also includes our live swine group, related allied product processing activities and logistics operations to move products through the supply chain.

**Chicken:** Chicken includes our domestic operations related to raising and processing live chickens into, and purchasing raw materials for, fresh, frozen and value-added chicken products, as well as sales from allied products. Our value-added chicken products primarily include breaded chicken strips, nuggets, patties and other ready-to-fix or fully cooked chicken parts. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, convenience stores, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international export markets. This segment also includes logistics operations to move products through our domestic supply chain and the global operations of our chicken breeding stock subsidiary.

**Prepared Foods:** Prepared Foods includes our operations related to manufacturing and marketing frozen and refrigerated food products and logistics operations to move products through the supply chain. This segment includes brands such as Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, State Fair®, as well as artisanal brands Aidells®, Gallo Salame®, and Golden Island®. Products primarily include ready-to-eat sandwiches, sandwich components such as flame-grilled hamburgers and Philly steaks, pepperoni, bacon, breakfast sausage, turkey, lunchmeat, hot dogs, flour and corn tortilla products, appetizers, snacks, prepared meals, ethnic foods, side dishes, meat dishes, breadsticks and processed meats. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, convenience stores, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international export markets.

We allocate expenses related to corporate activities to the segments, except for third-party merger and integration costs of \$26 million, \$67 million and \$37 million in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and corporate overhead related to Tyson New Ventures, LLC, which are included in Other. Assets and additions to property, plant and equipment relating to corporate activities remain in Other. At September 30, 2017, we included \$3 billion of unallocated goodwill associated with our acquisition of AdvancePierre in Other and we completed the allocation of goodwill to our segments in fiscal 2018. Additionally, as of September 29, 2018, we completed the allocation of goodwill associated with our fiscal 2018 acquisitions. Refer to Note 5: Goodwill and Intangible Assets for further description.

Information on segments and a reconciliation to income from continuing operations before income taxes are as follows:

	in millions						
	Beef	Pork	Chicken	Prepared Foods	Other	Intersegment Sales	Consolidated
<b>Fiscal 2018</b>							
Sales	\$ 15,473	\$ 4,879	\$ 12,044	\$ 8,668	\$ 305	\$ (1,317)	\$ 40,052
Operating Income (Loss)	1,013	361	866	868	(53)		3,055
Total Other (Income) Expense							310
Income before Income Taxes							2,745
Depreciation and amortization	103	42	368	410	10		933
Total Assets	3,061	1,265	8,794	15,063	926		29,109
Additions to property, plant and equipment	107	150	570	228	145		1,200
<b>Fiscal 2017</b>							
Sales	\$ 14,823	\$ 5,238	\$ 11,409	\$ 7,853	\$ 349	\$ (1,412)	\$ 38,260
Operating Income (Loss)	877	645	1,053	462	(106)		2,931
Total Other (Income) Expense							303
Income before Income Taxes							2,628
Depreciation and amortization	92	36	296	315	9		748
Total Assets	2,938	1,132	6,630	13,466	3,900		28,066
Additions to property, plant and equipment	118	101	492	229	129		1,069
<b>Fiscal 2016</b>							
Sales	\$ 14,513	\$ 4,909	\$ 10,927	\$ 7,346	\$ 380	\$ (1,194)	\$ 36,881
Operating Income (Loss)	347	528	1,305	734	(81)		2,833
Total Other (Income) Expense							235
Income before Income Taxes							2,598
Depreciation and amortization	94	33	274	286	10		697
Total Assets	2,764	1,039	5,836	11,814	920		22,373
Additions to property, plant and equipment	99	68	281	178	69		695

The Beef segment had sales of \$420 million , \$386 million and \$327 million for fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively, from transactions with other operating segments. The Pork segment had sales of \$817 million , \$966 million and \$840 million for fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively, from transactions with other operating segments. The Chicken segment had sales of \$80 million , \$60 million and \$27 million for fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively, from transactions with other operating segments. The aforementioned sales from intersegment transactions, which were at market prices, were included in the segment sales in the above table.

Our largest customer, Walmart Inc., accounted for 17.3% , 17.3% and 17.5% of consolidated sales in fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively. Sales to Walmart Inc. were included in all the segments. Any extended discontinuance of sales to this customer could, if not replaced, have a material impact on our operations.

The majority of our operations are domiciled in the United States. Approximately 99% , 98% and 98% of sales to external customers for fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively, were sourced from the United States. Approximately \$23.2 billion and \$21.6 billion of long-lived assets were located in the United States at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , respectively. Excluding goodwill and intangible assets, long-lived assets located in the United States totaled approximately \$6.7 billion and \$6.0 billion at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , respectively. Approximately \$212 million and \$217 million of long-lived assets were located in foreign countries, primarily Brazil, China, the European Union and New Zealand at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , respectively. Excluding goodwill and intangible assets, long-lived assets in foreign countries totaled approximately \$201 million and \$193 million at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , respectively.

We sell certain products in foreign markets, primarily Canada, Central America, China, the European Union, Japan, Mexico, the Middle East, South Korea, and Taiwan. Our export sales from the United States totaled \$4.2 billion , \$3.9 billion and \$3.5 billion for fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively. Substantially all of our export sales are facilitated through unaffiliated brokers, marketing associations and foreign sales staffs. Sales of products produced in a country other than the United States were less than 10% of consolidated sales for each of fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 .

**NOTE 18: SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION**

The following table summarizes cash payments for interest and income taxes:

	in millions			
	2018		2017	
				2016
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$	368	\$	249
Income taxes, net of refunds		470		779
				686

**NOTE 19: TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

We have operating leases for two wastewater facilities with an entity owned by the Donald J. Tyson Revocable Trust (for which Mr. John Tyson, Chairman of the Company, is a trustee), Berry Street Waste Water Treatment Plant, LP ( 90% of which is owned by the TLP), and the sisters of Mr. Tyson. Total payments of approximately \$1 million in each of fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 were paid to lease the facilities.

As of September 29, 2018 , the TLP, of which John Tyson and director Barbara Tyson are general partners, owned 70 million shares, or 99.985% of our outstanding Class B stock and, along with the members of the Tyson family, owned 6.2 million shares of Class A stock, giving it control of approximately 70.96% of the total voting power of our outstanding voting stock.

In August 2017, the Company committed to invest \$5 million for a 17.5% equity interest in Buchan Ltd., a Mauritian private holding company of poultry operations in sub-Saharan Africa. Acacia Foods, B.V. is committed to invest \$9 million in Buchan Ltd. Donnie Smith, who during the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 was Chief Executive Officer of the Company, serves as the Chairman of Acacia Foods, B.V. and as a director of Buchan Ltd. John Randal Tyson (son of John Tyson) serves as a director of Buchan Ltd. for the Company. We completed our funding commitment in fiscal 2018.

In fiscal 2018 , the Company provided administrative services to the Tyson Limited Partnership, the beneficial owner of 70 million shares of Class B stock, and the Tyson Limited Partnership, through TLP Investment, L.P., reimbursed the Company \$0.3 million .

**NOTE 20: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**Commitments

We lease equipment, properties and certain farms for which total rentals approximated \$200 million , \$186 million and \$172 million , in fiscal 2018 , 2017 and 2016 , respectively. Most leases have initial terms of up to seven years, some with varying renewal periods. The most significant obligations assumed under the terms of the leases are the upkeep of the facilities and payments of insurance and property taxes.

Minimum lease commitments under non-cancelable leases at September 29, 2018 , were:

	in millions	
2019	\$	128
2020		98
2021		62
2022		40
2023		29
2024 and beyond		61
Total	\$	418

We guarantee obligations of certain outside third parties, consisting primarily of leases, debt and grower loans, which are substantially collateralized by the underlying assets. Terms of the underlying debt cover periods up to 10 years, and the maximum potential amount of future payments as of September 29, 2018 , was \$16 million . We also maintain operating leases for various types of equipment, some of which contain residual value guarantees for the market value of the underlying leased assets at the end of the term of the lease. The remaining terms of the lease maturities cover periods over the next 10 years. The maximum potential amount of the residual value guarantees is \$91 million , all of which could be recoverable through various recourse provisions, including those based on the fair value of the underlying leased assets. The likelihood of material payments under these guarantees is not considered probable. At September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017 , no material liabilities for guarantees were recorded.

We have cash flow assistance programs in which certain livestock suppliers participate. Under these programs, we pay an amount for livestock equivalent to a standard cost to grow such livestock during periods of low market sales prices. The amounts of such payments that are in excess of the market sales price are recorded as receivables and accrue interest. Participating suppliers are obligated to repay these receivables balances when market sales prices exceed this standard cost, or upon termination of the agreement. Our potential maximum obligation associated with these programs is limited to the fair value of each participating livestock supplier's net tangible assets. The potential maximum obligation as of September 29, 2018, was approximately \$300 million. The total receivables under these programs were \$6 million at September 29, 2018. There were no receivables under these programs at September 30, 2017. This receivable is included, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts, in Accounts Receivable in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Even though these programs are limited to the net tangible assets of the participating livestock suppliers, we also manage a portion of our credit risk associated with these programs by obtaining security interests in livestock suppliers' assets. After analyzing residual credit risks and general market conditions, we had no allowance for these programs' estimated uncollectible receivables at September 29, 2018, and September 30, 2017.

When constructing new facilities or making major enhancements to existing facilities, we will occasionally enter into incentive agreements with local government agencies in order to reduce certain state and local tax expenditures. Under these agreements, we transfer the related assets to various local government entities and receive Industrial Revenue Bonds. We immediately lease the facilities from the local government entities and have an option to re-purchase the facilities for a nominal amount upon tendering the Industrial Revenue Bonds to the local government entities at various predetermined dates. The Industrial Revenue Bonds and the associated obligations for the leases of the facilities offset, and the underlying assets remain in property, plant and equipment. At September 29, 2018, total amounts under these types of arrangements totaled \$636 million.

We enter into agreements with growers that can have fixed and variable payment structures, but are generally cancelable and based on flocks placed with the growers. Grower commitments at September 29, 2018 were:

		in millions
		Grower Commitments
2019	\$	198
2020		99
2021		93
2022		54
2023		38
2024 and beyond		98
Total	\$	580

Additionally, we enter into other purchase commitments for various items such as grains and livestock contracts, which at September 29, 2018 were:

		in millions
		Other Purchase Commitments
2019	\$	1,224
2020		732
2021		159
2022		57
2023		23
2024 and beyond		13
Total	\$	2,208

### Contingencies

We are involved in various claims and legal proceedings. We routinely assess the likelihood of adverse judgments or outcomes to those matters, as well as ranges of probable losses, to the extent losses are reasonably estimable. We record accruals for such matters to the extent that we conclude a loss is probable and the financial impact, should an adverse outcome occur, is reasonably estimable. Such accruals are reflected in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. In our opinion, we have made appropriate and adequate accruals for these matters. Unless noted otherwise below, we believe the probability of a material loss beyond the amounts accrued to be remote; however, the ultimate liability for these matters is uncertain, and if accruals are not adequate, an adverse outcome could have a material effect on the consolidated financial condition or results of operations. Listed below are certain claims made against the Company and/or our subsidiaries for which the potential exposure is considered material to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. We believe we have substantial defenses to the claims made and intend to vigorously defend these matters.

On September 2, 2016, Maplevale Farms, Inc., acting on behalf of itself and a putative class of direct purchasers of poultry products, filed a class action complaint against us and certain of our poultry subsidiaries, as well as several other poultry processing companies, in the Northern District of Illinois. Subsequent to the filing of this initial complaint, additional lawsuits making similar claims on behalf of putative classes of direct and indirect purchasers were filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The court consolidated the complaints, for pre-trial purposes, into actions on behalf of three different putative classes: direct purchasers, indirect purchasers/consumers and commercial/institutional indirect purchasers. These three actions are styled *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation*. Several amended and consolidated complaints have been filed on behalf of each putative class. The currently operative complaints allege, among other things, that beginning in January 2008 the defendants conspired and combined to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of broiler chickens in violation of United States antitrust laws. The complaints on behalf of the putative classes of indirect purchasers also include causes of action under various state unfair competition laws, consumer protection laws, and unjust enrichment common laws. The complaints also allege that defendants "manipulated and artificially inflated a widely used Broiler price index, the Georgia Dock." It is further alleged that the defendants concealed this conduct from the plaintiffs and the members of the putative classes. The plaintiffs are seeking treble damages, injunctive relief, pre- and post-judgment interest, costs, and attorneys' fees on behalf of the putative classes. The court issued a ruling on November 20, 2017 denying all defendants' motions to dismiss. The litigation is currently in a discovery phase. Decisions on class certification and summary judgment motions likely to be filed by defendants are not expected before the latter part of calendar year 2020 under the scheduling order currently governing the case. Scheduling for trial, if necessary, will occur after rulings on class certification and any summary judgment motions. Certain putative class members have opted out of this matter and are proceeding separately, and others may do so in the future.

On March 1, 2017, we received a civil investigative demand ("CID") from the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs, of the State of Florida. The CID requests information primarily related to possible anticompetitive conduct in connection with the Georgia Dock, a chicken products pricing index formerly published by the Georgia Department of Agriculture. We have been cooperating with the Attorney General's office.

On June 18, 2018, Wanda Duryea, Matthew Hosking, John McKee, Lisa Melegari, Michael Reilly, Sandra Steffan, Paul Glantz, Edwin Blakey, Jennifer Sullivan, Lisa Axelrod, Anbessa Tufa and Christina Hall, acting on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf of a putative plaintiff class consisting of all persons and entities who indirectly purchased pork, filed a class action complaint against us and certain of our pork subsidiaries, as well as several other pork processing companies, in the federal district court for the District of Minnesota. Subsequent to the filing of the initial complaint, additional lawsuits making similar claims on behalf of putative classes of direct and indirect purchasers were also filed in the same court. The complaints allege, among other things, that beginning in January 2009 the defendants conspired and combined to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of pork and pork products in violation of United States antitrust laws. The complaints on behalf of the putative classes of indirect purchasers also include causes of action under various state unfair competition laws, consumer protection laws, and unjust enrichment common laws. The plaintiffs are seeking treble damages, injunctive relief, pre- and post-judgment interest, costs, and attorneys' fees on behalf of the putative classes. The direct purchaser actions and indirect purchaser actions have been consolidated for pretrial purposes. On October 23, 2018, defendants filed motions to dismiss the complaints.

Our subsidiary, The Hillshire Brands Company (formerly named Sara Lee Corporation), is a party to a consolidation of cases filed by individual complainants with the Republic of the Philippines, Department of Labor and Employment and the National Labor Relations Commission ("NLRC") from 1998 through July 1999. The complaint was filed against Aris Philippines, Inc., Sara Lee Corporation, Sara Lee Philippines, Inc., Fashion Accessories Philippines, Inc., and Attorney Cesar C. Cruz (collectively, the "respondents"). The complaint alleges, among other things, that the respondents engaged in unfair labor practices in connection with the termination of manufacturing operations in the Philippines in 1995 by Aris Philippines, Inc., a former subsidiary of The Hillshire Brands Company. In late 2004, a labor arbiter ruled against the respondents and awarded the complainants PHP 3,453,664,710 (approximately U.S. \$64 million ) in damages and fees. The respondents appealed the labor arbiter's ruling, and it was subsequently set aside by the NLRC in December 2006. Subsequent to the NLRC's decision, the parties filed numerous appeals, motions for reconsideration and petitions for review, certain of which remained outstanding for several years. While various of those appeals, motions and/or petitions were pending, The Hillshire Brands Company, on June 23, 2014, without admitting liability, filed a settlement motion requesting that the Supreme Court of the Philippines order dismissal with prejudice of all claims against it and certain other respondents in exchange for payments allocated by the court among the complainants in an amount not to exceed PHP 342,287,800 (approximately U.S. \$6.3 million ). Based in part on its finding that the consideration to be paid to the complainants as part of such settlement was insufficient, the Supreme Court of the Philippines denied the respondents' settlement motion and all motions for reconsideration thereof. The Supreme Court of the Philippines also set aside as premature the NLRC's December 2006 ruling. As a result, the cases were remanded back before the NLRC to rule on the merits of the case. On December 15, 2016, we learned that the NLRC rendered its decision on November 29, 2016, regarding the respondents' appeals regarding the labor arbiter's 2004 ruling in favor of the complainants. The NLRC increased the award for 4,922 of the total 5,984 complainants to PHP 14,858,495,937 (approximately U.S. \$275 million ). However, the NLRC approved a prior settlement reached with the group comprising approximately 18% of the class of 5,984 complainants, pursuant to which The Hillshire Brands Company agreed to pay each settling complainant PHP 68,000 (approximately U.S. \$1,300 ). The settlement payment was made on December 21, 2016, to the NLRC, which is responsible for distributing the funds to each settling complainant. On December 27, 2016, the respondents filed motions for reconsideration with the NLRC asking that the award be set aside. The NLRC denied respondents' motions for reconsideration in a resolution received on May 5, 2017, and entered a judgment on the award on July 24, 2017. Each of Aris Philippines, Inc., Sara Lee Corporation and Sara Lee Philippines, Inc. appealed this award and sought an injunction to preclude enforcement of the award to the Philippines Court of Appeals. On November 23, 2017, the Court of Appeals granted a writ of preliminary injunction that precluded execution of the NLRC award during the pendency of the appeal. The Court of Appeals subsequently vacated the NLRC's award on April 12, 2018. Complainants have filed motions for reconsideration with the Court of Appeals. If those motions are denied, the Court of Appeals' decision nevertheless remains subject to appeal to the Supreme Court of the Philippines. We continue to maintain an accrual for this matter.

The Hillshire Brands Company was named as a defendant in an asbestos exposure case filed by Mark Lopez in May 2014 in the Superior Court of Alameda County, California. Mr. Lopez was diagnosed with mesothelioma in January 2014 and is now deceased. Mr. Lopez's family members asserted negligence, premises liability and strict liability claims related to Mr. Lopez's alleged asbestos exposure from 1954-1986 from the Union Sugar plant in Betteravia, California. The plant, which was sold in 1986, was owned by entities that were predecessors-in-interest to The Hillshire Brands Company. In August 2017, the jury returned a verdict of approximately \$13 million in favor of the plaintiffs, and a judgment was entered. We have appealed the judgment and filed our initial appellate brief.

**NOTE 21: QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)**

in millions, except per share data

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<b>2018</b>				
Sales	\$ 10,229	\$ 9,773	\$ 10,051	\$ 9,999
Gross profit	1,451	1,020	1,306	1,349
Operating income	927	498	802	828
Net income	1,632	316	542	537
Net income attributable to Tyson	1,631	315	541	537
Net income per share attributable to Tyson:				
Class A Basic	\$ 4.54	\$ 0.88	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.50
Class B Basic	\$ 4.09	\$ 0.78	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.35
Diluted	\$ 4.40	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.47
<b>2017</b>				
Sales	\$ 9,182	\$ 9,083	\$ 9,850	\$ 10,145
Gross profit	1,483	1,047	1,202	1,351
Operating income	982	571	697	681
Net income	594	341	448	395
Net income attributable to Tyson	593	340	447	394
Net income per share attributable to Tyson:				
Class A Basic	\$ 1.64	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.10
Class B Basic	\$ 1.49	\$ 0.86	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.98
Diluted	\$ 1.59	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.07

First quarter fiscal 2018 net income included a \$994 million post tax recognition of tax benefit from remeasurement of net deferred tax liabilities at lower enacted tax rates, \$4 million pretax impairment charge net of a realized gain related to the divestiture of non-protein businesses and \$19 million pretax restructuring and related charges.

Second quarter fiscal 2018 net income included a \$9 million post tax recognition of tax benefit from remeasurement of net deferred tax liabilities at lower enacted tax rates, \$75 million pretax impairment charge related to the divestiture of non-protein businesses, \$109 million one-time cash bonus to frontline employees and \$12 million pretax restructuring and related charges.

Third quarter fiscal 2018 net income included \$14 million pretax restructuring and related charges.

Fourth quarter fiscal 2018 net income included a \$11 million pretax realized gain related to the divestiture of a non-protein business and \$14 million pretax restructuring and related charges.

Second quarter fiscal 2017 net income included a \$52 million pretax impairment charge related to our San Diego Prepared Foods operation.

Third quarter fiscal 2017 net income included \$77 million pretax expense from AdvancePierre purchase accounting and acquisition related costs, which included a \$24 million purchase accounting adjustment for the amortization of the fair value step-up of inventory related to AdvancePierre, \$35 million of acquisition related costs and \$18 million of acquisition bridge financing fees.

Third quarter fiscal 2017 net income included a post tax \$26 million recognition of tax benefit related to the expected sale of a non-protein business.

Fourth quarter fiscal 2017, net income included \$150 million pretax restructuring and related charges, \$45 million pretax impairment related to the expected sale of a non-protein business and \$26 million pretax expense from AdvancePierre purchase accounting and acquisition related costs, which included \$12 million purchase accounting adjustment for the amortization of the fair value step-up of inventory related to AdvancePierre and \$14 million of acquisition related costs.

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Tyson Foods, Inc.

### ***Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Tyson Foods, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of September 29, 2018 and September 30, 2017, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 29, 2018, including the related notes and schedule of valuation and qualifying accounts for each of the three years in the period ended September 29, 2018 appearing under Item 15 (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 29, 2018, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of September 29, 2018 and September 30, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 29, 2018 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 29, 2018, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the COSO.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Company's consolidated financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

### ***Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
November 13, 2018

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2009.



## ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

### ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was performed, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act)). Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that, as of September 29, 2018, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

#### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In the quarter ended September 29, 2018, there have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the 1934 Act. Our internal control over financial reporting was designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 29, 2018. In making this assessment, we used criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013). Based on this evaluation under the framework in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by COSO, management concluded the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of September 29, 2018.

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, who has audited the fiscal 2018 financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, has also audited the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 29, 2018 as stated in its report which appears in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

## PART III

### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

See information set forth under the captions "Election of Directors", "Information Regarding the Board and its Committees" and "Report of the Audit Committee" in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held February 7, 2019 (the "Proxy Statement"), which information is incorporated herein by reference. Pursuant to general instruction G(3) of Annual Report on Form 10-K, certain information concerning our executive officers is included under the caption "Executive Officers of the Company" in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We have a code of ethics as defined in Item 406 of Regulation S-K, which applies to all of our directors and employees, including our principal executive officers, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, and persons performing similar functions. This code of ethics, titled "Tyson Code of Conduct," is available, free of charge on our website at <http://ir.tyson.com>.

We will post any amendments to the Code of Conduct, and any waivers that are required to be disclosed by the rules of either the Securities and Exchange Commission or the New York Stock Exchange, on our website.

### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

See the information set forth under the captions "Executive Compensation," "Director Compensation For Fiscal Year 2018," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Report of the Compensation and Leadership Development Committee," "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation", and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in the Proxy Statement, which information is incorporated herein by reference. However, pursuant to instructions to Item 407(e)(5) of Regulation S-K, the material appearing under the sub-heading "Report of the Compensation and Leadership Development Committee" shall be deemed "furnished" and not be deemed to be "filed" with the SEC, other than as provided in this Item 11.

**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

See the information included under the captions “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners” and “Security Ownership of Management” in the Proxy Statement, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans**

The following information reflects certain information about our equity compensation plans as of September 29, 2018 :

Equity Compensation Plan Information			
	Number of Securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options	Number of Securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding Securities reflected in the first column (a) (b))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	5,994,148	\$ 48.37	37,466,064
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,994,148</b>	<b>\$ 48.37</b>	<b>37,466,064</b>

(a) Shares available for future issuance as of September 29, 2018, under the Stock Incentive Plan (16,150,273), the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (13,668,183) and the Retirement Savings Plan (7,647,608)

(b) "Securities" and "shares" refer to the Company's Class A common stock.

**ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

See the information included under the captions “Election of Directors”, “Information Regarding the Board and its Committees” and “Certain Transactions” in the Proxy Statement, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES**

See the information included under the captions “Audit Fees,” “Audit-Related Fees,” “Tax Fees,” “All Other Fees,” and “Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy” in the Proxy Statement, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**PART IV****ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this report:

(1) Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated Statements of Income for the three years ended September 29, 2018

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three years ended September 29, 2018

Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 29, 2018 , and September 30, 2017

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the three years ended September 29, 2018

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three years ended September 29, 2018

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

(2) Consolidated Financial Statement Schedules

Financial Statement Schedule - Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts for the three years ended September 29, 2018

All other schedules are omitted because they are neither applicable nor required.

(3) Exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K

The exhibits filed with this report are listed in the Exhibit Index preceding the signature pages to this

Annual Report on Form 10-K and incorporated herein by reference.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

### Exhibit No.

- 2.1 [Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of April 25, 2017 among Tyson Foods, Inc., AdvancePierre Foods Holdings, Inc. and DVB Merger Sub, Inc. \(previously filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 28, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\). Exhibits and schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601\(b\)\(2\) of Regulation S-K, but a copy will be furnished supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.](#)
- 2.2 [Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 17, 2018, by and among Tyson Foods, Inc., Keystone Foods Holdings Limited and Marfrig Global Foods S.A. \(previously filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 23, 2018, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\). Exhibits and schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601\(b\)\(2\) of Regulation S-K, but a copy will be furnished supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.](#)
- 3.1 [Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company \(previously filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 3, 1998, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 3.2 [Fifth Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company \(previously filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed for the period ended June 29, 2013, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.1 [Indenture dated June 1, 1995, by and between the Company and The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., as Trustee \(the "Company Indenture"\) \(previously filed as Exhibit 4 to Registration Statement on Form S-3, filed with the Commission on December 18, 1997, Registration No. 333-42525, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.2 [Form of 7.0% Note due January 15, 2028, issued under the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 27, 1997, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.3 [Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 13, 2012, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 13, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.4 [Form of 4.50% Senior Note due 2022 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 and included in Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 13, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.5 [Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 8, 2014, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.6 [Form of 2.65% Senior Note due 2019 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.7 [Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 8, 2014, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.8 [Form of 3.95% Senior Note due 2024 \(included in Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.9 [Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 8, 2014, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.10 [Form of 4.875% Senior Note due 2034 \(included in Exhibit 4.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.11 [Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 8, 2014, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.12 [Form of 5.15% Senior Note due 2044 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)

- 4.13 Indenture dated October 2, 1990, between Sara Lee Corporation and Continental Bank, N.A., as Trustee (the “Sara Lee Indenture”) (previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 33-33603 on Form S-3 by Sara Lee Corporation, predecessor in interest to The Hillshire Brands Company, filed with the Commission on October 5, 1990, Commission File No. 001-03344, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.14 [Form of 4.10% Notes due 2020 issued pursuant to the Sara Lee Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 7, 2010 by The Hillshire Brands Company, Commission File No. 001-03344, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.15 [Form of 6.13% Notes due 2032 issued pursuant to the Sara Lee Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.25 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 27, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.16 [Supplemental Indenture dated June 2, 2017, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.17 [Form of Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2019 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.18 [Supplemental Indenture dated June 2, 2017, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.19 [Form of Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2020 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.20 [Supplemental Indenture dated June 2, 2017, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.21 [Form of 3.55% Senior Notes due 2027 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.22 [Supplemental Indenture dated June 2, 2017, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.23 [Form of 4.55% Senior Notes due 2047 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.24 [Supplemental Indenture dated August 23, 2017, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 23, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.25 [Form of Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2020 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 23, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.26 [Supplemental Indenture dated August 23, 2017, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 23, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.27 [Form of 2.250% Senior Notes due 2021 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 23, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.28 [Supplemental Indenture, dated September 28, 2018, by and between the Company and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2018, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.29 [Form of 3.900% Senior Notes due 2023 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2018, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)

- 4.30 [Supplemental Indenture, dated September 28, 2018, by and between the Company and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. \(as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.\)\), as Trustee, supplementing the Company Indenture \(previously filed as exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2018, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference.](#)
- 4.31 [Form of 5.100% Senior Notes due 2048 \(previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2018, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.1 [Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 14, 2018, among the Company, the subsidiary, borrowers party thereto, and lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the Administrative Agent \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 20, 2018, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.2 \* [Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated November 9, 2017, by and between the Company and John Tyson \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.76 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.3 \* [Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of November 17, 2016, by and between the Company and Thomas Hayes \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 22, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.4 \* [Employment Agreement, dated November 14, 2012, by and between the Company and Dennis Leatherby \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.5 \* [Employment Agreement, dated November 15, 2013, by and between the Company and Noel W. White \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2013, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.6 \* [Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated October 4, 2018, by and between the Company and Noel W. White \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 5, 2018, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.7 \* [Employment Agreement, dated November 12, 2013, by and between the Company and Stephen R. Stouffer \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2013, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.8 \* [Employment Agreement, dated August 29, 2014, by and between the Company and Sobhana \(Sally\) Grimes \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 27, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.9 \* [Employment Agreement, dated August 29, 2014, by and between the Company and Mary Oleksiuk \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.22 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 27, 2014, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.10 \* [Employment Agreement, dated August 28, 2015, by and between the Company and Curt T. Calaway \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 3, 2015, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.11 \* [Employment Agreement, dated November 1, 2012, by and between the Company and Scott E. Rouse \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended April 1, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.12 \* [Employment Agreement, dated October 5, 2014, by and between the Company and Douglas W. Ramsey \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended April 1, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.13 \* [Employment Agreement, dated December 11, 2017, by and between the Company and Stewart Glendinning \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.14 \* [Employment Agreement, dated December 11, 2017, by and between the Company and Shih-Feng \(Amy\) Tu \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.15 \* [Employment Agreement, dated December 11, 2017, by and between the Company and Jay Scott Spradley \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.16 \* [Employment Agreement, dated December 11, 2017, by and between the Company and Justin Whitmore \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)



- 10.17 \* [Indemnity Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2007, between the Company and John Tyson \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 28, 2007, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.18 \* [Form of Indemnity Agreement between Tyson Foods, Inc. and its directors and certain executive officers \(previously filed as Exhibit 10\(t\) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1995, Commission File No. 0-3400, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.19 \* [Tyson Foods, Inc. Annual Incentive Compensation Plan for Senior Executives adopted February 4, 2005, and reapproved February 5, 2010 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.34 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2005, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.20 \* [Amended and Restated Tyson Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, effective as of February 1, 2013 \(previously filed as Exhibit 99.2 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 on February 22, 2013, Registration No. 333-186797, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.21 \* [First Amendment to the Tyson Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, effective February 1, 2013 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.26 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2013, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.22 \* [Amended and Restated Executive Savings Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc. effective January 1, 2013 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.27 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2013, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.23 \* [First Amendment to the Executive Savings Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc. effective November 16, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.24 \* [Amended and Restated Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective February 8, 2018 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, Commission File No. 001-14704 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.25 \* [Amended and Restated Tyson Foods, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement and Life Insurance Premium Plan effective January 1, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.68 to the Company's Annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.26 \* [First Amendment to the Tyson Foods, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement and Life Insurance Premium Plan effective November, 16, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended 12/30/2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.27 \* [Second Amendment to the Tyson Foods, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement and Life Insurance Premium Plan effective February 2018 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.16 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended 12/30/2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.28 \* [Retirement Savings Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc. effective January 1, 2011 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.33 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2011, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.29 \* [First Amendment to the Retirement Savings Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc., as Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2011 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.32 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2013, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.30 \* [Amended and Restated Retirement Income Plan of IBP, inc. effective August 1, 2000, and Amendment to Freeze the Retirement Income Plan of IBP, inc. effective December 31, 2002 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.46 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 27, 2008, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.31 \* [Form of Performance Shares Relative Total Shareholder Return Stock Incentive Award Agreement pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2016 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 31, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.32 \* [Form of Performance Shares EBIT Stock Incentive Award Agreement pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2016 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 31, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.33 \* [Form of Restricted Stock Agreement pursuant to which restricted stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective January 1, 2010 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.41 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 2, 2010, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)



- 10.34 \* [Form of Restricted Stock Subject to Performance Criteria Stock Incentive Award Agreement pursuant to which restricted stock awards subject to performance criteria are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2016 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending December 31, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.35 \* [Form of Restricted Stock Incentive Award Agreement with contracted employees pursuant to which restricted stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2016 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending December 31, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.36 \* [Form of Restricted Stock Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted employees pursuant to which restricted stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2016 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending December 31, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.37 \* [Form of Stock Options Incentive Award Agreement with contracted employees pursuant to which stock options awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2016 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending December 31, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.38 \* [Form of Stock Options Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted employees pursuant to which stock options awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2016 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending December 31, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.39 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement pursuant to which stock option awards were granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan prior to July 31, 2009 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 2, 2004, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.40 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement pursuant to which stock option awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective July 31, 2009, through February 3, 2010 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.43 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 2, 2010, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.41 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement pursuant to which stock option awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective February 4, 2010 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.44 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 2, 2010, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.42 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement with non-contracted employees pursuant to which stock option awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 29, 2010 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.40 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2011, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.43 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement with contracted employees at band level 1-5 pursuant to which stock option awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 29, 2010 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.41 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2011, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.44 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement with key employees and contracted employees at band level 6-9 pursuant to which stock option awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 29, 2010 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.42 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2011, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.45 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement with non-contracted employees pursuant to which stock option awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2011 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.46 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.46 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement with contracted employees at band level 1-5 pursuant to which stock option awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2011 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.47 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.47 \* [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement with key employees and contracted employees at band level 6-9 pursuant to which stock option awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 28, 2011 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.48 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)



- 10.48 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Agreement pursuant to which stock options are granted to contracted employees under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective October 26, 2012 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.49 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Agreement pursuant to which stock options are granted to non-contracted employees under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective October 26, 2012 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.50 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.50 \* [Form of Performance Stock Award Agreement pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective October 4, 2010 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.44 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2011, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.51 \* [Form of Performance Stock Award Agreement pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective October 3, 2011 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.52 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.52 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Agreement pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective October 26, 2012 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.53 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.53 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted officers pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.54 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement with contracted officers pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.55 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement with contracted employees pursuant to which restricted stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.56 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted employees which include non-competition, non-solicitation and confidentiality agreements, pursuant to which restricted stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.57 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted employees pursuant to which restricted stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.58 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement pursuant to which restricted stock awards subject to performance criteria are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.59 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Plan Stock Agreement pursuant to which restricted stock units awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.60 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Agreement pursuant to which stock appreciation rights awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.61 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement with contracted employees pursuant to which stock options awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)

- 10.62 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted employees which include non-competition, non-solicitation and confidentiality agreements, pursuant to which stock options awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.10 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.63 \* [Form of Stock Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted employees pursuant to which stock options awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 30, 2015 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.11 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 2, 2016, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.64 \* [Tyson Foods, Inc. Severance Pay Plan for Contracted Employees, as amended and restated effective December 1, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.65 \*\* [Executive Severance Plan effective October 15, 2018](#)
- 10.66 \* [Form of Performance Shares Operating Income Stock Incentive Award Agreement pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 17, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.67 \* [Form of Performance Shares Relative Total Shareholder Return Stock Incentive Award Agreement pursuant to which performance stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 17, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.68 \* [Form of Restricted Stock Subject to Performance Criteria Stock Incentive Award Agreement pursuant to which restricted stock awards subject to performance criteria are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 17, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.10 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.69 \* [Form of Restricted Stock Incentive Award Agreement with contracted employees pursuant to which restricted stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 17, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.11 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.70 \* [Form of Restricted Stock Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted employees pursuant to which restricted stock awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 17, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.71 \* [Form of Stock Options Incentive Award Agreement with contracted employees pursuant to which stock options awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 17, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.13 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.72 \* [Form of Stock Options Incentive Award Agreement with non-contracted employees pursuant to which stock options awards are granted under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan effective November 17, 2017 \(previously filed as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 30, 2017, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 14.1 [Code of Conduct of the Company \(previously filed as Exhibit 14.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2013, Commission File No. 001-14704, and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 21 \*\* [Subsidiaries of the Company.](#)
- 23 \*\* [Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.](#)
- 31.1 \*\* [Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to SEC Rule 13a-14\(a\)/15d-14\(a\), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 31.2 \*\* [Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to SEC Rule 13a-14\(a\)/15d-14\(a\), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 32.1 \*\*\* [Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 32.2 \*\*\* [Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)

101 The following financial information from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 29, 2018, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Statements of Income, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iii) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity, (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (vi) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, and (vii) Financial Statement Schedule.

\* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\*\* Filed herewith

\*\*\* Furnished herewith

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE**  
**TYSON FOODS, INC.**  
**SCHEDULE II**  
**VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS**

Three Years Ended September 29, 2018

in millions

				Additions							
		Balance at Beginning of Period		Charged to Costs and Expenses		Charged to Other Accounts		(Deductions)		Balance at End of Period	
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:											
	2018	\$	34	\$	3	\$	—	\$	(18)	\$	19
	2017		33		10		—		(9)		34
	2016		27		10		—		(4)		33
Inventory Lower of Cost or Net Realizable Value Allowance:											
	2018	\$	3	\$	68	\$	—	\$	(46)	\$	25
	2017		39		5		—		(41)		3
	2016		58		70		—		(89)		39
Valuation Allowance on Deferred Tax Assets:											
	2018	\$	75	\$	12	\$	—	\$	(8)	\$	79
	2017		72		4		—		(1)		75
	2016		68		10		—		(6)		72

**ITEM 16. Form 10-K Summary**

None.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

### TYSON FOODS, INC.

By: /s/ Stewart Glendinning  
Stewart Glendinning  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

November 13, 2018

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

<u>/s/ Gaurdie E. Banister Jr.</u> Gaurdie E. Banister Jr.	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Dean Banks</u> Dean Banks	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Mike Beebe</u> Mike Beebe	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Curt T. Calaway</u> Curt T. Calaway	Senior Vice President Finance, Treasurer and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Mikel A. Durham</u> Mikel A. Durham	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Stewart Glendinning</u> Stewart Glendinning	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Kevin M. McNamara</u> Kevin M. McNamara	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Cheryl S. Miller</u> Cheryl S. Miller	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Jeffrey K. Schomburger</u> Jeffrey K. Schomburger	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Robert C. Thurber</u> Robert C. Thurber	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Barbara A. Tyson</u> Barbara A. Tyson	Director	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ John Tyson</u> John Tyson	Chairman of the Board of Directors	November 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Noel White</u> Noel White	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	November 13, 2018

**EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE PLAN  
OF  
TYSON FOODS, INC.**

(Effective October 15, 2018)

ARTICLE I  
ESTABLISHMENT,  
PURPOSE OF THE PLAN  
AND DEFINITIONS

**1.1    Establishment of Plan**

Tyson Foods has adopted and maintains the Plan for the benefit of Eligible Team Members, as described in this document. This document serves as both the plan document as well as the summary plan description of the Plan.

**1.2    Purpose of Plan**

The purpose of the Plan is to, generally, provide an Eligible Team Member with severance pay and benefits for a specified period if:

- (a)    The Eligible Team Member's employment is involuntarily terminated by the Participating Employer without Cause due to Job Elimination or the Eligible Team Member resigns from his or her employment with the Participating Employer on account of Good Reason, as described in Article II of this document; or
- (b)    The Eligible Team Member voluntarily elects to terminate his or her employment with the Participating Employer on or after January 1, 2019 in accordance with the provisions of the "5+1" Officer Separation Program, as described in Article III of this document.

All severance pay and benefits under the Plan are subject to several conditions of ineligibility, exclusions and other requirements as described in this document, including but not limited to those contained in Article IV of this document.

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### 1.3 Definitions

The following terms shall have the following respective meanings when used in this document, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“ **Affiliate** ” means any other U.S.-based entity or organization which is a member of a controlled group (as determined under Section 414(b) of the Code), a group of trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) which are under common control (as determined under Section 414(c) of the Code), or affiliated service group (as determined under Section 414(m) of the Code) with Tyson Foods.

“ **Annual Incentive Plan** ” means either the Tyson Foods, Inc. Executive Incentive Plan or the Tyson Foods, Inc. Annual Incentive Plan, or any successors thereto, as such plan or its successors may be amended or restated from time to time, depending on which plan the Eligible Team Member is eligible to participate in, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion.

“ **Board** ” means the Board of Directors of Tyson Foods, Inc.

“ **Cause** ” means the occurrence of one or more of the following events, as determined by the Participating Employer in its sole discretion:

- (a) Job-related misconduct or non-performance of duties;
- (b) Violation of the policies of Tyson Foods or any Affiliate (including a violation of any then-applicable code of conduct);
- (c) Any willful and wrongful conduct or omission that injures Tyson Foods or any Affiliate;
- (d) Any act of intentional misrepresentation or embezzlement, misappropriation or conversion of assets of Tyson Foods or any Affiliate;
- (e) Conviction of, confession to, pleading no contest to, or becoming the subject of proceedings that provide a reasonable basis for the Participating Employer to believe the team member has engaged in a felony, serious crime, job-related misdemeanor, or similar offense; or
- (f) Intentional or willful violation of any restrictive covenant or other agreement to which the team member is a party with Tyson Foods or any Affiliate.

For purposes of the Plan, an act or failure to act shall be considered “willful” only if done or omitted to be done without your good faith reasonable belief that such act or failure to act was in the best interests of Tyson Foods or any Affiliate. In no event shall a failure by a Participating Employer to notify a team member of the occurrence of any one or more of the events listed above, or to terminate the team member as a result of such event(s), be construed as a consent to the occurrence of future events, whether or not similar to the initial occurrence, or a waiver of the right of a Participating Employer to terminate the team member as a result of such event(s).

“ **Change in Control** ” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Stock Incentive Plan.

“ **COBRA** ” means the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, a federal law that provides rights to a temporary extension of group health plan coverage under certain circumstances when coverage would otherwise end, or any successors thereto, and any regulations or rulings issued thereunder.

“ **Code** ” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successors thereto, and any regulations or rulings issued thereunder.

“ **Consideration Period** ” means the twenty-one (21) calendar day period following an Eligible Team Member’s receipt of a waiver and release agreement, as described in Section 4.1 of this document titled “Waiver and Release Agreement”; provided that the consideration period of a team member who is terminated as part of a “group termination”, as determined in accordance with the OWBPA, will be forty-five (45) calendar days.

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“ **Date of Termination** ” means the last day of employment for which an Eligible Team Member receives pay for service with the Participating Employer, excluding any period during which he or she receives any severance pay or benefits under the Plan.

“ **Eligible Team Member** ” means a former executive team member of a Participating Employer who is receiving severance pay or benefits under the Plan or a current executive team member of a Participating Employer who would be eligible to receive severance pay or benefits under the Plan upon the occurrence of all applicable contingencies specified in the Plan.

“ **ERISA** ” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or any successors thereto, and any regulations or rulings issued thereunder.

“ **Good Reason** ” means the occurrence of any one or more of the following actions or events without an Eligible Team Member’s written consent; provided that the team member may not rely on any particular action or event as a basis for terminating his or her employment for Good Reason unless he or she delivers a Notice of Good Reason based on that action or event within thirty (30) days of its initial occurrence and the Participating Employer has failed to correct the circumstances cited by the team member as constituting Good Reason within thirty (30) days of such Notice of Good Reason:

- (a) A material diminution in authority, duties or responsibilities (not merely a change in job title alone);
- (b) Greater than a 15% decrease in the team member’s then-current Total Direct Compensation;
- (c) Transfer of the team member’s primary employment location beyond fifty (50) miles;
- (d) The failure by the Participating Employer to obtain a satisfactory agreement from any successor to assume and agree to perform the obligations under the Plan for at least twenty-four (24) months following a Change in Control; or
- (e) Any action or event described in the above clauses (a)-(c) taken by the Participating Employer prior to a Change in Control at the request of the other party to the Change in Control transaction or otherwise in contemplation of the closing of a Change in Control transaction.

“ **Health Plan** ” means the Tyson Foods, Inc. Group Health Plan, or any successors thereto.

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“ **Job Elimination** ” means an Eligible Team Member’s employment is terminated by the Participating Employer due to:

- (a) Duplicative or unnecessary positions;
- (b) Reduction in force or reorganization; or
- (c) Closure or sale of a facility or operation of the Participating Employer.

“ **Notice of Good Reason** ” means a written notice from an Eligible Team Member, delivered to the Plan Administrator at the address listed in Section 4.23 of this document titled “Plan Information”, which describes, in reasonable detail, the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for terminating his or her employment for Good Reason.

“ **Notice of Separation** ” means the completion of a written election by an Eligible Team Member, on a form that has been approved by the Plan Administrator, that he or she wishes to terminate his or her employment in accordance with the Officer Separation Program, as described in Article III of this document. A Notice of Separation is effective as of the date indicated on the election form, provided the form is properly completed and deemed acceptable by the Plan Administrator. Once delivered, a Notice of Separation cannot be revoked unless the team member’s manager, Executive Leadership Team member and Human Resources Leadership Team member unanimously approve the team member’s request. The form of notice is available from the Plan Administrator at the address listed in Section 4.23 of this document titled “Plan Information”.

“ **OWBPA** ” means the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act of 1990, as amended, or any successors thereto, and any regulations or rulings issued thereunder.

“ **Participating Employer** ” means Tyson Foods and each Affiliate that has adopted the Plan in writing for the benefit of Eligible Team Members of such Affiliate with the prior consent of the Board, duly authorized committee of the Board, or person(s) duly authorized by the Board or such committee.

“ **Plan** ” means the Executive Severance Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc.

“ **Revocation Period** ” means the seven (7) calendar day period following the date that an Eligible Team Member signs a waiver and release agreement during which the team member may revoke such agreement, as described in Section 4.1 of this document titled “Waiver and Release Agreement”.

“ **Separation from Service** ” means the complete and intended termination of the employment relationship with Tyson Foods and all affiliates, as determined in conformance with Section 409A of the Code and Section 1.409A-1(h) of the Final Treasury Regulations or the corresponding provisions in future guidance issued by the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service.

“ **Stock Incentive Plan** ” means the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated effective February 8, 2018, or any successors thereto, as such plan or its successors may be amended or restated from time to time.

“ **Successor Employer** ” means an entity that assumes operations or functions formerly carried out by a Participating Employer, such as through a sale or outsourcing, or an entity that makes an offer of employment at the request of a Participating Employer, such as in a joint venture of which the Participating Employer is a member.

“ **Total Direct Compensation** ” means the total of an Eligible Team Member’s:

- (a) Base salary;
- (b) Target annual cash award opportunity under the Annual Incentive Plan, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion; and
- (c) Target grant date value of the annual long-term incentive award under the Stock Incentive Plan, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion.

“ **Tyson Foods** ” means Tyson Foods, Inc. and any of its successors and assigns.

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“ **Working Notice Period** ” means the minimum twelve (12) month period of employment with the Participating Employer completed by an Eligible Team Member following the effective date of a Notice of Separation; provided that such period of employment will be extended by a period equal to the duration of any leave of absence granted to the Eligible Team Member during the Working Notice Period (i.e., any period of leave will need to be made up upon returning to work).

“ **Year(s) of Service** ” means the twelve (12) month period beginning with the Eligible Team Member’s date of hire with Tyson Foods or an Affiliate or, if the team member has been rehired following a termination of employment and incurred a break in service of any amount of time, most recent date of hire with Tyson Foods or an Affiliate, and each continuous twelve (12) month period following the anniversary of such date thereafter.

ARTICLE II  
INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE  
DUE TO JOB ELIMINATION AND  
RESIGNATION ON ACCOUNT OF GOOD REASON

2.1 Eligibility for Article II Severance Pay and Benefits

Severance pay and benefits under this Article II are available to each Eligible Team Member who is on the direct U.S. payroll of a Participating Employer and employed in management levels (formerly known as job grade) 93 and above, as classified by the Participating Employer, and whose employment with the Participating Employer is either:

- (a) Involuntarily terminated by the Participating Employer due to Job Elimination; or
- (b) Terminated by the team member on account of Good Reason.

Notwithstanding the above, a team member is not eligible to participate in the Plan if he or she either (i) has a written employment agreement with Tyson Foods or any Affiliate on his or her Date of Termination or (ii) is otherwise covered by any other plan or similar arrangement, offer letter, or separation agreement which addresses severance pay or any similar benefits, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion, regardless of whether he or she receives any severance pay or benefits under such agreement, plan or similar arrangement, offer letter, or separation agreement in connection with his or her termination of employment.

In addition, any individual who is an independent contractor or consultant, or performing services for a Participating Employer under an independent contractor or consultant agreement, purchase order, supplier agreement or any other form of agreement shall not be eligible to participate in the Plan, regardless of any subsequent reclassification ordered by any governmental agency or court.

2.2 Conditions of Ineligibility

An otherwise Eligible Team Member shall not be entitled to any severance pay or benefits under this Article II if:

- (a) The team member does not timely submit to the Participating Employer (or timely submits and effectively revokes) a signed and dated waiver and release agreement in the form and manner acceptable to the Participating Employer, as described in Section 4.1 of this document titled “Waiver and Release Agreement”;
  - (b) The team member’s employment with the Participating Employer terminates by reason of death, disability, discharge for Cause, job abandonment or failure to report for work, or resignation or voluntary termination of employment by the team member without Good Reason, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion;
  - (c) The team member’s employment with the Participating Employer terminates, or is scheduled to be terminated, through participation in the Officer Separation Program (as described in Article III of this document), as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion;
  - (d) Employment with the Participating Employer is involuntarily terminated after the team member refuses a position at the same location or another location of the Participating Employer within fifty (50) miles from the team member’s then-current primary employment location, provided that the new position offers at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the Total Direct Compensation of his or her then-current position;
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- (e) The team member either (a) is offered a position with a Successor Employer at the same location or another location within fifty (50) miles from the team member's then-current primary employment location, provided that the position offers at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the Total Direct Compensation of his or her current position, or (b) is hired by or renders services to a Successor Employer, regardless of the location or level of compensation, unless such employment or other arrangement results from the team member's (or former team member's) response to a general advertisement or solicitation, unrelated to any transaction between the Successor Employer and Tyson Foods or any Affiliate; or
  - (f) The team member leaves employment with the Participating Employer prior to the date authorized by the Participating Employer.
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## 2.3 Schedule of Article II Severance Pay and Benefits

<u>Mgmt. Level(s)</u>	<u>Regular Severance Pay</u>	<u>Lump Sum Amount</u>	<u>Subsidized COBRA</u>	<u>COBRA Reimbursements</u>	<u>Outplacement Assistance</u>
96 and above	104 weeks	Yes, if eligible	Up to 4 weeks	Up to 100 weeks	12 months
95	78 weeks	Yes, if eligible	Up to 4 weeks	Up to 74 weeks	12 months
93 and 94	52 weeks	Yes, if eligible	Up to 4 weeks	Up to 48 weeks	9 months

## 2.4 Regular Severance Pay

An Eligible Team Member may be eligible to receive regular severance pay for up to the number of weeks specified in the applicable schedule of severance pay and benefits. A “week of pay” shall be determined for a team member by dividing his or her regular annual base salary level on his or her Date of Termination by fifty-two (52). No other pay, commissions or other allowances, including any payments under any cash- or stock-based incentive plan, shall be considered when determining the amount of regular severance pay.

Regular severance pay is generally paid in equal installments on the normal payroll cycle of the Participating Employer over the severance period. The severance period will begin as soon as practicable following the Revocation Period, provided that the waiver and release agreement submitted by the Eligible Team Member meets all the requirements described in Section 4.1 of this document titled “Waiver and Release Agreement” and is not revoked during the Revocation Period. However, in accordance with Section 409A of the Code, if an Eligible Team Member’s Consideration Period or Revocation Period crosses two calendar years, the severance period will not begin until the first payroll date of the second calendar year, regardless of the date the waiver and release agreement is signed by the team member.

*Delay in Payment to Certain Eligible Team Members:* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, if an Eligible Team Member is a “specified employee” within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code as of his or her Date of Termination, any payments otherwise due under the Plan during the six (6) month period after the Date of Termination shall be deferred and such deferred amounts will be paid during the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) month following such six (6) month anniversary.

All withholdings mandated by law, including federal and state income and Social Security tax withholdings, and any authorized deductions shall be deducted from all regular severance payments. In addition, regular severance pay may be reduced for any amounts or financial obligations owed by the Eligible Team Member to Tyson Foods, an Affiliate, or any employee benefit plan established or maintained by Tyson Foods or an Affiliate, including but not limited to any overpayment of any kind and any outstanding bills, advances, relocation costs, or debts.

Any regular severance pay granted but yet unpaid will be forfeited if an Eligible Team Member is reemployed by Tyson Foods or any Affiliate in any capacity prior to such payments being made. In addition to any other remedies the Participating Employer may have under the provisions of the waiver and release agreement or under law, the Participating Employer has the right to terminate any regular severance pay and recover any payments previously made if an Eligible Team Member breaches any of the provisions of the waiver and release agreement.

## 2.5 Lump Sum Amount

An Eligible Team Member who receives regular severance pay under the Plan may also be eligible to receive a single lump sum cash payment amount, as described in this section; provided that his or her Date of Termination occurs on or after the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day of the then-current fiscal year of Tyson Foods but before the regular payment date of awards under the Annual Incentive Plan for such fiscal year.

The lump sum cash payment amount shall be determined in accordance with the following provisions:

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- (a) If the Eligible Team Member's Date of Termination occurs in the first, second or third quarter of the then-current fiscal year of Tyson Foods, he or she will receive an amount based on target performance under the provisions of the Annual Incentive Plan for such fiscal year.
- (b) If the Eligible Team Member's Date of Termination occurs on or after the start of the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, he or she will receive an amount determined under the provisions of the Annual Incentive Plan for such fiscal year, adjusted for corporate performance results and any allocation adjustments for business unit or enabling function (but not for any differentiation based on individual contribution and performance), as applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the Annual Incentive Plan.
- (c) All lump sum cash payment amounts under Section 2.5(a) or (b) above will be prorated by multiplying the amount of such award by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of calendar days the Eligible Team Member was employed by the Participating Employer during the respective fiscal year and the denominator of which is the total number of calendar days in such fiscal year.

An Eligible Team Member's lump sum cash payment amount under the Plan will be determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion on the team member's Date of Termination (or, if the team member's Date of Termination occurs on or after the start of the fourth quarter of the respective fiscal year but before the regular payment date of awards under the Annual Incentive Plan, following the disclosure of performance results and allocation adjustments, as applicable), in accordance with the provisions of the Annual Incentive Plan.

The lump sum cash amount will be paid to the Eligible Team Member as soon as practicable after the start of regular severance pay under the Plan or, if the team member's Date of Termination occurs on or after the start of the fourth quarter of the respective fiscal year but before the regular payment date for incentive awards associated with such fiscal year under the Annual Incentive Plan, on or about the regular payment date of incentive awards but no sooner than the start of regular severance pay and no later than March 15 immediately following the close of such fiscal year.

*Delay in Payment to Certain Eligible Team Members:* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, if an Eligible Team Member is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code as of his or her Date of Termination, any payments otherwise due under the Plan during the six (6) month period after the Date of Termination shall be deferred and such deferred amounts will be paid during the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) month following such six (6) month anniversary.

Any lump sum cash payment amount granted but yet unpaid will be forfeited if an Eligible Team Member is reemployed by Tyson Foods or any Affiliate in any capacity prior to such payment being made. In addition to any other remedies the Participating Employer may have under the provisions of the waiver and release agreement or under law, the Participating Employer has the right to terminate any lump sum cash payment amount and recover any lump sum cash payment amount previously made if an Eligible Team Member breaches any of the provisions of the waiver and release agreement.

## 2.6 COBRA Subsidy and Taxable Reimbursements for COBRA

Each Eligible Team Member who receives regular severance pay under the Plan may also be eligible for a premium subsidy for COBRA continuation coverage for up to the first four (4) weeks of coverage and, following such period, taxable reimbursements for COBRA continuation coverage for the remainder of the period that he or she receives regular severance pay, as further described below.

To be entitled to the premium subsidy and taxable reimbursements, the Eligible Team Member must:

- (a) Be receiving regular severance pay under the Plan;
  - (b) Qualify for COBRA continuation coverage under the Health Plan;
  - (c) Properly enroll him or herself and any eligible family members in coverage in accordance with the procedures of the Health Plan (enrollment is not automatic); and
  - (d) Timely pay the required premium due for such coverage.
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The amount of the premium subsidy will be equal to the full COBRA premium for the coverage elected, less an amount equal to the cost for such coverage during the same period to an actively employed team member for the same type and level of coverage.

Once the premium subsidy ends, the Eligible Team Member must pay the full COBRA premium to maintain coverage. However, for each month that he or she receives severance pay, the Participating Employer will pay a taxable reimbursement (without any form of tax gross-up) to the team member in an amount equal to the difference between the full COBRA premium he or she paid for coverage and the actively employed team member rate for the same type and level of coverage.

The premium subsidy and taxable reimbursements only apply while COBRA continuation coverage under the Health Plan remains in effect. The subsidy and reimbursements will end upon termination of the Eligible Team Member's COBRA continuation coverage (e.g., when the Eligible Team Member first becomes covered under any other group health plan or entitled to Medicare), regardless of the duration of severance pay. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Eligible Team Member who is entitled to one hundred and four (104) weeks of regular severance pay under Article II of the Plan is also eligible for COBRA continuation coverage under the Health Plan, then all reimbursements shall cease and the Participating Employer will pay to the team member, in the month following the eighteen (18) month period following the Date of Termination, a taxable lump sum amount equal to (i) his or her last monthly reimbursement for COBRA continuation coverage (before taxes were deducted) (ii) times six (6); provided that any such payment shall be made to an Eligible Team Member only if the Eligible Team Member timely elected COBRA continuation coverage under the Health Plan and such COBRA continuation coverage continued in effect for the eighteen (18) month period immediately following the Date of Termination.

All provisions of the Health Plan, as amended from time to time, shall be applicable to an Eligible Team Member (and any of his or her covered family members) participating in any form of health continuation coverage under the Health Plan as if the Plan had not been put into effect. The period during which an Eligible Team Member receives a premium subsidy or taxable reimbursements shall count toward, and not extend, the period for which the Participating Employer or the Health Plan must offer COBRA continuation coverage.

## 2.7 Outplacement Assistance

Each Eligible Team Member who receives regular severance pay under this Article II will be given the opportunity to elect to receive outplacement assistance in conducting a job search for replacement employment. Severance Administration or its outplacement service provider will notify the Eligible Team Member in writing about the specific assistance he or she is eligible to receive and how to access such assistance. If the Eligible Team Member accepts this assistance, he or she must begin using such services within ninety (90) calendar days of the notification.

## ARTICLE III VOLUNTARY TERMINATION UNDER THE "5+1" OFFICER SEPARATION PROGRAM

### 3.1 Eligibility for Article III Severance Pay and Benefits

Severance pay and benefits under this Article III are available to each Eligible Team Member who is on the direct U.S. payroll of a Participating Employer and employed in management levels (formerly known as job grade) 93 and above, as classified by the Participating Employer, provided that the team member:

- (a) Has completed at least five (5) consecutive Years of Service with Tyson Foods or an Affiliate prior to providing a Notice of Separation, subject to the special rule applicable to acquired team members as described in Section 3.2 of this document titled "Special Rules for Team Members Who Join a Participating Employer Following an Acquisition or Merger";
  - (b) Is not on a performance improvement plan or leave of absence, whether approved or unapproved, and, if applicable, has provided services for a minimum of four (4) weeks following a return from a leave of
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- absence, as of the date a Notice of Separation is furnished by the team member, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion; and
- (c) Successfully completes the Working Notice Period.

Notwithstanding the above, a team member is not eligible to participate in the Plan if he or she either (i) has a written employment agreement with Tyson Foods or any Affiliate on his or her Date of Termination or (ii) is otherwise covered by any other plan or similar arrangement, offer letter, or separation agreement which addresses severance pay or any similar benefits, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion, regardless of whether he or she receives any severance pay or benefits under such agreement, plan or similar arrangement, offer letter, or separation agreement in connection with his or her termination of employment.

In addition, any individual who is an independent contractor or consultant, or performing services for a Participating Employer under an independent contractor or consultant agreement, purchase order, supplier agreement or any other form of agreement, shall not be eligible to participate in the Plan, regardless of any subsequent reclassification ordered by any governmental agency or court.

### 3.2 Special Rules for Team Members Who Join a Participating Employer Following an Acquisition or Merger

A team member will receive full credit for purposes of eligibility under the Officer Separation Program for the team member's prior years of service with a company or business that is acquired by or merged into a Participating Employer to the same extent that such service would have been credited as Years of Service if performed for Tyson Foods or an Affiliate. However, no such acquired team member who is otherwise eligible to participate in the Officer Separation Program may provide Notice of Separation until they have completed a minimum twenty-four (24) months of continuous employment with a Participating Employer following the closing of the respective transaction.

### 3.3 Conditions of Ineligibility

An otherwise Eligible Team Member shall not be entitled to any severance pay or benefits under this Article III if:

- (a) The team member does not timely submit to the Participating Employer (or timely submits and effectively revokes) a signed and dated waiver and release agreement in the form and manner acceptable to the Participating Employer, as described in Section 4.1 of this document titled "Waiver and Release Agreement";
  - (b) Prior to the provision of a Notice of Separation by the team member, the team member's employment with the Participating Employer terminates for any reason whatsoever;
  - (c) Prior to the provision of a Notice of Separation by the team member, the Participating Employer notifies the team member of an impending Job Elimination or the team member provides Notice of Good Reason to the Participating Employer, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion;
  - (d) At any time during the Working Notice Period, the team member is placed on a performance improvement plan, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion;
  - (e) At any time during the Working Notice Period, the team member's employment with the Participating Employer terminates by reason of death, disability, discharge for Cause, job abandonment or failure to report for work, or resignation or voluntary termination of employment by the team member without Good Reason, as determined by Tyson Foods in its sole discretion; or
  - (f) The team member leaves employment with the Participating Employer prior to the date authorized by the Participating Employer.
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### 3.4 Schedule of Article III Severance Pay and Benefits

<u>Management Level(s)</u>	<u>Regular Severance Pay</u>	<u>Lump Sum Amount</u>	<u>Subsidized COBRA</u>	<u>COBRA Reimbursements</u>
93 and above	52 weeks	Yes, if eligible	Up to 4 weeks	Up to 48 weeks

### 3.5 Regular Severance Pay, Lump Sum Amount and COBRA Subsidy and Taxable Reimbursements for COBRA

An Eligible Team Member who is eligible for severance pay and benefits under this Article III will be entitled to receive regular severance pay, under the same terms and conditions as described in Section 2.4 of this document titled “Regular Severance Pay” but in the amounts specified in Section 3.4 of this document titled “Schedule of Article III Severance Pay and Benefits”.

Each Eligible Team Member who receives regular severance pay under this Article III may also be eligible to receive:

- (a) A single lump sum cash payment amount, under the same terms and conditions described in Section 2.5 of this document titled “Lump Sum Amount”; and
- (b) A premium subsidy and taxable reimbursements for COBRA continuation coverage, under the same terms and conditions described in Section 2.6 of this document titled “COBRA Subsidy and Taxable Reimbursements for COBRA”.

## ARTICLE IV COMMON PROVISIONS

The following provisions apply to the Plan as a whole, including Article II and Article III of this document:

### 4.1 Waiver and Release Agreement

To receive any severance pay or benefits under the Plan, an Eligible Team Member must submit, and not timely revoke, a signed and dated waiver and release agreement to the Participating Employer, in accordance with the instructions set forth in the agreement, before the end of the Consideration Period. The waiver and release agreement must be signed by the team member on or after his or her Date of Termination or it will be rejected by the Participating Employer and no severance pay or benefits will be payable under the Plan.

The waiver and release agreement must be in a form acceptable to the Plan Sponsor in its sole discretion. The agreement will include certain provisions for the benefit of the Participating Employer including but not limited to a release and discharge of the Participating Employer from all claims and causes of action relating to the Eligible Team Member’s employment with the Participating Employer and any Affiliate and the termination of his or her employment. Each Eligible Team Member is advised to contact his or her personal attorney at his or her own expense to review the waiver and release agreement. To request the current waiver and release agreement form, please write the Plan Administrator, in care of Executive Rewards at the address listed in Section 4.23 of this document titled “Plan Information”.

An Eligible Team Member has until the end of the Revocation Period to revoke his or her signed waiver and release agreement. To be effective, any such revocation must be made in writing and sent by facsimile, e-mail or certified U.S. Mail in accordance with the instructions set forth in the agreement before the end of the Revocation Period. If an Eligible Team Member does not revoke his or her waiver and release agreement in accordance with these requirements, such agreement will take effect on the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day after the date that the Agreement is signed by the Eligible Team Member.

An Eligible Team Member who timely revokes his or her waiver and release agreement shall forfeit all severance pay and benefits under the Plan. An Eligible Team Member who timely submits a waiver and release agreement that is acceptable to the Plan Sponsor in its sole discretion and who does not exercise his or her right of revocation shall be eligible to receive severance pay and benefits as described in this document.

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#### 4.2 Employment Status

Except as may be specified in any other agreement between a team member and the Participating Employer, the employment of the team member by the Participating Employer is “at will” and may be terminated by either the team member or the Participating Employer at any time, subject to applicable law.

#### 4.3 Cancellation of Prior Plans, Programs and Arrangements

The Plan supersedes and replaces any and all prior severance plans, programs and arrangements of the Participating Employer covering Eligible Team Members, both formal and informal; provided that the adoption and establishment of the Plan will not have any effect on the Tyson Foods Severance Pay Plan for Contracted Employees, which plan shall control in connection with the eligibility and calculation and payment of severance pay and benefits to which any team member who is party to a written employment agreement with a Participating Employer may be entitled to, if any, as a result of their termination of employment with the Participating Employer.

#### 4.4 No Duplication of Severance Pay or Benefits

There will be no duplication of any severance pay or benefits under the Plan or any other plan or similar arrangement, offer letter, or separation agreement which addresses severance pay or any similar benefits or because of employment by more than one Participating Employer. In addition, an Eligible Team Member who receives, or is scheduled to receive (as determined by the Participating Employer in its sole discretion), the severance pay and benefits specified in Article II of this document shall not be entitled to receive any payments or benefits under the Officer Separation Program as specified in Article III of this document, and vice versa.

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#### 4.5 Amendment and Termination of the Plan

Tyson Foods reserves the unilateral right to amend or terminate the Plan, in whole or in part, at any time and for any reason by action taken by the Board, duly authorized committee of the Board, or person(s) duly authorized by the Board or such committee, provided that:

- (a) No such amendment or termination shall affect the rights of any Eligible Team Member who is receiving severance pay or benefits under the Plan, or has provided a Notice of Separation, as of the effective date of the amendment or termination;
- (b) The Plan cannot be amended or terminated within twenty-four (24) months following a Change in Control; and
- (c) Any action to amend or terminate the Plan that was, in whole or in part, taken within twelve (12) months prior to a Change in Control at the request of the other party to the Change in Control transaction or otherwise in contemplation of the closing of a Change in Control transaction shall be rendered null and void.

#### 4.6 Successors and Assigns

The obligations of Tyson Foods under the Plan shall be assumed by its successors and assigns. Tyson Foods shall require any successor or assign (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of Tyson Foods to expressly assume and agree to perform the obligations of Tyson Foods under the Plan in the same manner and to the same extent that Tyson Foods would be required to perform them if no such succession had taken place.

#### 4.7 Withholding

All withholdings mandated by law, including federal and state income and Social Security tax withholdings, and any authorized deductions shall be deducted from all payments made under the Plan. In addition, all payments made under the Plan may be reduced for any amounts or financial obligations owed by the Eligible Team Member to the Participating Employer, any Affiliate, or any employee benefit plan established or maintained by the Participating Employer or any Affiliate including but not limited to any overpayment of any kind and any outstanding bills, advances, relocation costs, or debts.

#### 4.8 No Vesting or Plan Funding

No team member shall have a vested right to any level of severance pay or benefits under the Plan. No Eligible Team Member or other person shall acquire by reason of the Plan any right in or title to any assets, funds, or property of the Participating Employer. Any Plan benefits which become payable are unfunded obligations and shall be paid from the general assets of the Participating Employer. No employee, officer, director, representative or agent of the Participating Employer personally guarantees in any manner the payment of Plan benefits.

#### 4.9 Plan Administration

A committee appointed by Tyson Foods to administer the Plan or, in lieu of any such appointment, Tyson Foods shall serve as the "Plan Administrator" of the Plan and the "Named Fiduciary" within the meaning of such terms as defined in ERISA. Tyson Foods shall have the right to remove any person on the committee at any time by notice in writing to such person. A person on the committee may resign at any time by written notice of resignation to Tyson Foods. Upon such removal or resignation, or in the event of the death of a person on the committee, Tyson Foods may appoint a successor. Until a successor has been appointed, the remaining persons on the committee may continue to act as the committee. Any specific rules pertaining to appointments, removals and resignations applicable to any particular committee appointed as Plan Administrator and Named Fiduciary pursuant to this Section 4.9 shall supersede the foregoing rules regarding such appointments, removals and resignations.

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The Plan Administrator shall have the discretionary authority to determine eligibility for severance pay and benefits under the Plan and to construe the provisions of the Plan, including the making of factual determinations. Severance pay and benefits under the Plan will be available only if the Plan Administrator determines in its sole discretion that the Eligible Team Member is entitled to them. The decisions of the Plan Administrator shall be final and conclusive with respect to all questions concerning the administration of the Plan.

The Plan Administrator may delegate to other persons responsibilities for performing certain of the duties of the Plan Administrator under the provisions of the Plan and may seek such expert advice as the Plan Administrator deems reasonably necessary with respect to the Plan. The Plan Administrator shall be entitled to rely upon the information and advice furnished by such delegates and experts, unless knowing such information and advice to be inaccurate or unlawful. The Plan Administrator shall establish and maintain a reasonable claims procedure, including a procedure for appeal of denied claims. In no event shall an Eligible Team Member or any other person be entitled to challenge a decision of the Plan Administrator in court or in any other administrative proceeding unless and until the claim and appeals procedures established under the Plan have been complied with and exhausted.

#### 4.10 Claims Procedure

Generally, Eligible Team Members need not make a claim for severance pay or benefits under the Plan other than completing the waiver and release agreement. However, if an Eligible Team Member (as used in this section, the “claimant”) believes that he or she is entitled to Plan benefits, or to greater Plan benefits than are paid or made available, the claimant may file a claim with the Plan Administrator.

**Important Claims Filing Deadline: A claimant who believes that he or she is entitled to severance pay or benefits under the Plan, or to greater Plan benefits than are paid or made available, must file a written claim with the Plan Administrator, within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days of his or her Date of Termination .** If a claimant does not file a claim within such one hundred and twenty (120) day period, then any Plan benefits will be forfeited and the claimant will lose his or her right to bring any legal action for such Plan benefits.

Upon receipt of a claim, the Plan Administrator will either accept or deny the claim and will notify the claimant of its decision. If the claimant does not provide all the necessary information for the Plan Administrator to process his or her claim, the Plan Administrator may request additional information and set deadlines for the claimant to provide that information. Within ninety (90) calendar days after receiving a claim, the Plan Administrator will:

- (a) Either accept or deny the claim completely or partially; and
- (b) Notify the claimant of acceptance or denial of his or her claim.

If the claim is completely or partially denied, the Plan Administrator will furnish a written notice to the claimant containing the following information:

- (a) The specific reasons for the denial;
- (b) Specific references to the Plan provisions on which any denial is based;
- (c) A description of any additional material or information that must be furnished by the claimant to support the claim; and
- (d) An explanation of the appeal procedures of the Plan.

A claimant may appeal the denial of his or her claim and have the Plan Administrator reconsider the decision. The claimant or the claimant’s authorized representative has the right to:

- (a) Request an appeal by written request to the Plan Administrator no later than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of notice from the Plan Administrator denying the claimant’s claim;
  - (b) Upon request and free of charge, review or receive copies of any documents, records or other information relevant to the claimant’s claim; and
  - (c) Submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claimant’s claim in writing to the Plan Administrator.
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In deciding the claimant's appeal, the Plan Administrator will consider all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, regardless of whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial review of the claim. If the claimant does not provide all the necessary information for the Plan Administrator to process the appeal, the Plan Administrator may request additional information and set deadlines for the claimant to provide that information.

The Plan Administrator will make a decision with respect to such an appeal within sixty (60) calendar days after receiving the written request for such appeal. The claimant will be advised of the Plan Administrator's decision on the appeal in writing. The notice will describe:

- (a) The specific reasons for the decision;
- (b) The specific reference to Plan provisions upon which the decision on the appeal is based;
- (c) A statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records or other information relevant to his or her claim; and
- (d) A statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA following a denial of his or her appeal for Plan benefits.

In no event will a claimant or any other person be entitled to challenge a decision of the Plan Administrator in court or in any other administrative proceeding unless and until the claim and appeal procedures described above have been complied with and exhausted. **In addition, in no event may a claimant challenge the Plan Administrator's decision upon appeal in any court or governmental proceeding after one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the Plan Administrator's decision of the appeal.** If a claimant fails to bring legal action within such one hundred and twenty (120) day period, then any Plan benefits will be forfeited and the claimant will lose his or her right to bring any such legal action for benefits under the Plan, including but not limited to an action under Section 502(a) of ERISA, regardless of whether all comments, documents, records, or other information relating to the claim were submitted or considered when the initial claim or appeal was decided.

#### 4.11 Beneficiaries

If an Eligible Team Member dies after regular severance pay has commenced but before payment of his or her entire amount of severance pay, remaining amounts will be paid, as soon as practicable following death, in a single lump sum to the beneficiary most recently designated by the team member on a form that has been approved by the Plan Administrator; provided that if the team member failed to make a beneficiary designation, no person designated is alive, no designated trust has been established, or no successor beneficiary has been designated who is alive, then remaining amounts will be paid to his or her surviving spouse or, if the team member leaves no surviving spouse, to the team member's estate.

An Eligible Team Member may make or change such designation at any time on a form that is available from the Plan Administrator at the address listed in Section 4.23 of this document titled "Plan Information". A designation of beneficiary is effective on the date a properly completed and signed form is received by the Plan Administrator. To be valid, the form must be received by the Plan Administrator before a team member's date of death.

#### 4.12 No Assignment

Severance pay and benefits under the Plan shall not be subject to anticipation, alienation, pledge, sale, transfer, assignment, garnishment, attachment, execution, encumbrance, levy, lien, or charge, and any attempt to cause such pay or benefits to be so subjected shall not be recognized, except to the extent required by law.

#### 4.13 Recovery of Payments Made by Mistake

Any person who receives severance pay or benefits under the Plan shall be required to return to the Participating Employer any severance payment or benefit, or portion thereof, made by a mistake of fact or law. The Participating Employer reserves all remedies available at law for the recovery of such amounts.

#### 4.14 Cancellation of Pay and Benefits; Refund to Participating Employer

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Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan, if during the period an Eligible Team Member receives severance pay or benefits under the Plan, the Participating Employer becomes aware of facts that would have allowed it to terminate a team member's employment by reason of discharge for Cause, then, to the extent permitted by law:

- (a) The Participating Employer may elect to cancel all severance pay and benefits otherwise due to the team member, but not yet paid or delivered, under the Plan; and
- (b) Upon the written request of the Participating Employer, the team member must refund to the Participating Employer any severance pay previously paid by the Participating Employer to the team member, as well as the total amount of any COBRA premium subsidies and taxable reimbursements paid by the Participating Employer with respect to the team member, except for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of such severance pay.

#### 4.15 Representations Contrary to the Plan

No employee, officer, director, representative, or agent of Tyson Foods has the authority to alter, vary, or modify the provisions of the Plan, except by means of a written amendment to the Plan that is authorized by the Board, duly authorized committee of the Board, or person(s) duly authorized by the Board or such committee. No verbal or written representations contrary to the provisions of the Plan and its written amendments shall be binding upon Tyson Foods or any Affiliate, the Plan Administrator, or this Plan.

#### 4.16 No Employment Rights

Eligibility to participate in the Plan shall not confer any employment rights upon any person. Employment with the Participating Employer is "at-will", which means that either the team member or the Participating Employer may terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without cause, and with or without notice.

#### 4.17 Governing Law

The Plan shall be governed and construed in accordance with the Code and ERISA and if any reference shall be made to state law, the laws of the State of Arkansas shall apply, without regard to its conflicts of law provisions.

#### 4.18 Section 409A of the Code

The Plan is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A of the Code with respect to amounts and benefits subject thereto and shall be interpreted, construed and performed consistent with such intent. A Participating Employer shall not make or provide any payment or benefits if such payment or provision of such benefits would, as a result, be subject to tax under Section 409A of the Code. To the extent applicable, payments and benefits provided under the Plan are intended to be exempt from or qualify as an exception to Section 409A of the Code, for example by constituting either a "short-term deferral" or pay pursuant to a "separation pay plan", in each case, in accordance with Section 409A of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and all provisions of the Plan shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with such intention and any ambiguities in this document will be interpreted to give effect to such intention.

An Eligible Team Member's right to receive any installment payments under the Plan shall be treated as a right to receive a series of separate payments and, accordingly, each such installment payment shall always be considered a separate and distinct payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code.

To the extent that any reimbursements payable to an Eligible Team Member pursuant to the Plan are subject to the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, such reimbursements shall be paid to the Eligible Team Member no later than December 31 of the year following the year in which the cost was incurred; the amount of expenses reimbursed in one year shall not affect the amount eligible for reimbursement in any subsequent year; and the Eligible Team Member's right to reimbursement under the Plan will not be subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit.

It is the mutual intention of the Eligible Team Member and the Participating Employer that the provision of all payments and benefits pursuant to the Plan be made in compliance with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. To the

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extent that the provision of any such payment or benefit would fail to comply with the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code, the Participating Employer may, in its sole discretion and without the consent of the Eligible Team Member, make such modifications to the timing or manner of providing such payment and/or benefit to the Eligible Team Member to the extent it determines necessary or advisable to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code; provided that the Participating Employer shall not be obligated to make any such modifications.

Any such modifications made by the Participating Employer shall, to the maximum extent permitted in compliance with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, preserve the aggregate monetary face value of such payments and/or benefits provided by the Plan in the absence of such modification; provided that the Participating Employer shall in no event be obligated to pay any interest or other compensation in respect of any delay in the provision of such payments or benefits in order to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. The Eligible Team Member acknowledges that (i) the provisions of this paragraph may result in a delay in the time which payments would otherwise be made pursuant to the Plan and (ii) the Participating Employer is authorized to amend the Plan to delay the payment of any monies and/or provision of any benefits in such manner as may be determined by the Participating Employer, in its discretion, to be necessary or appropriate to comply with Section 409A of the Code without prior notice to or consent of the Eligible Team Member.

#### 4.19 Tax Effect

Tyson Foods and its Affiliates do not represent or guarantee that any particular federal, state or local income, payroll, personal property or other tax consequence will result from the payment of any monies and/or provision of any benefits pursuant to the Plan. An Eligible Team Member should consult with professional tax advisors to determine the tax consequences associated with such payment of monies and/or provision of benefits, if any. By accepting and/or receiving monies or benefits under the Plan, the Eligible Team Member releases and holds harmless the Tyson Foods and its Affiliates, and each of their directors, officers, employees and stockholders as well as the Plan Administrator, from any and all claims that may arise from or relate to any tax liability, penalties, interest, costs, fees or other liability incurred by the Eligible Team Member as a result of the application of any federal, state or local income, payroll, personal property or other tax.

#### 4.20 Reduction to Maximize After-Tax Benefits

Notwithstanding anything contained in this document to the contrary, if the total payments to be paid to an Eligible Team Member under the Plan, along with any other payments to the team member by the Participating Employer, would result in the team member being subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code (commonly referred to as the “Golden Parachute Tax”), the Participating Employer shall reduce the aggregate payments to the largest amount which can be paid to the team member without triggering the excise tax, but only if and to the extent that such reduction would result in the team member retaining larger aggregate after-tax payments. The determination of the excise tax and the aggregate after-tax payments to be received by the team member will be made by the Participating Employer, in its sole discretion. If payments are to be reduced, the payments made latest in time will be reduced first and if payments are to be made at the same time, non-cash payments will be reduced before cash payments.

#### 4.21 Severability

In the event any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity of such provision shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provisions had not been included. Further, the captions of this document are not part of the provisions the Plan and shall have no force and effect.

#### 4.22 ERISA Rights

As an Eligible Team Member under the Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under ERISA. ERISA provides that you will be entitled to:

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- (a) Examine without charge at the Plan Administrator's office (and at other specified locations) all plan documents and copies of all documents filed by the Plan Administrator with the U.S. Department of Labor, such as detailed annual reports and plan descriptions;
- (b) Obtain copies of all plan documents and other information about the Plan upon written request to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies; and
- (c) Receive a copy of the financial report for the Plan, if any. The Plan Administrator may be required by law to furnish you with a copy of the summary annual report.

In addition to creating rights for eligible employees, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Plan. The people who operate the Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of all eligible employees. No one, including your employer or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA. If your claim for plan benefits is denied, you must receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial. You have the right to have the Plan Administrator review and reconsider your claim.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan Administrator and you do not receive them within thirty (30) calendar days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and to pay you up to \$110 per day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, you may file suit in a state or federal court.

If fiduciaries of the Plan misuse money belonging to the Plan, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for instance, if it finds your claim to be frivolous.

If you have any questions about the Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employees Benefits Security Administration.

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4.23 Plan Information

Plan Name:	Executive Severance Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc.
Type of Plan:	The Plan is an unfunded severance pay arrangement and an employee welfare benefit plan within the meaning of Sections 3(1) and 3(2)(B)(i) of ERISA, and is designed for a select group of management or highly compensated employees that is intended to qualify for the exemptions provided in Sections 201, 301 and 401 of ERISA and for the alternative reporting method provided in U.S. Department of Labor Reg. § 2520.104-24.
Plan Year:	January 1 – December 31
Plan Number:	565
Plan Sponsor:	Tyson Foods, Inc. c/o Human Resources, Executive Rewards CP481 2200 W Don Tyson Pkwy Springdale, AR 72762-6999
Plan Sponsor's Employer Identification Number:	71-0225165
Plan Administrator:	Plan Administrator c/o Human Resources, Executive Rewards CP481 2200 W Don Tyson Pkwy Springdale, AR 72762-6999  Telephone number: (479) 290-4000
Agent for Service of Legal Process:	The Corporation Trust Company 1209 Orange Street Wilmington, DE 19801  Telephone number: (302) 658-4968  Service of legal process may also be made upon the Plan Administrator.
Participating Employers	For a list of Participating Employers (other than Tyson Foods) that participate in the Plan, if any, please send a written request to the Plan Administrator at the address listed above in this table.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, as a duly authorized representative of Tyson Foods, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby adopts the Executive Severance Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc. effective as of October 15, 2018, as attached hereto.

Dated this 23rd day of October 2018.

/s/ Mary Oleksiuk

Mary Oleksiuk  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Human Resources Officer

**SUBSIDIARIES**

Advance Food Company, LLC  
 AdvancePierre Foods Holdings, Inc.  
 AdvancePierre Foods, Inc.  
 Aidells Sausage Company, Inc.  
 Allied Specialty Foods, Inc.  
 APF Legacy Subs, LLC  
 Artisan Bread Co., LLC  
 Barber Foods, LLC  
 Bryan Foods, Inc.  
 C.V. Holdings, Inc.  
 CBFA Management Corp.  
 Central Industries, Inc.  
 Chefs Pantry, LLC  
 Cloverdale Farms, LLC  
 Cobb (Shanghai) Enterprise Management Consulting Co., Ltd.  
 Cobb Ana Damizlik Tavukculuk Sanayi Ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi  
 Cobb Europe B.V.  
 Cobb Europe Limited  
 Cobb-Heritage, LLC  
 Cobb-Vantress Brasil, Ltda  
 Cobb-Vantress New Zealand Limited  
 Cobb-Vantress Philippines, Inc.  
 Cobb-Vantress, Inc.  
 DFG Foods, Inc.  
 DFG Foods, L.L.C.  
 Egbert LLC  
 Flavor Corp.  
 Flavor Holdings, Inc.  
 Foodbrands America, Inc.  
 Foodbrands Supply Chain Services, Inc.  
 Gallo Salame, Inc.  
 Global Employment Services, Inc.  
 Golden Island Jerky Company, Inc.  
 Haimen Tyson Poultry Development Co., Ltd  
 Hillshire Brands (Australia) Pty Ltd.  
 Hubei Tongxing Cobb Breeding Company, Ltd.  
 Hudson Midwest Foods, Inc.  
 Hybro Genetics Brasil Ltda  
 IBP Caribbean, Inc.  
 IBP Foodservice, L.L.C.  
 IBP Redevelopment Corporation  
 International Affiliates & Investment LLC  
 Jiangsu Tyson Foods Co., Ltd  
 Madison Foods, Inc.  
 National Comp Care, Inc.

**PLACE OF INCORPORATION**

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New Canada Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
Oaklawn Capital Corporation	Delaware
Original Philly Holdings, Inc.	Pennsylvania
PBX, inc.	Delaware
Philadelphia Cheesesteak Company	Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Pre-Cooked Steak, Inc.	Pennsylvania
Pierre Holdco, Inc.	Delaware
River Valley Ingredients, LLC	Delaware
Rizhao Tyson Foods Co., Ltd	China
Rizhao Tyson Poultry Co., Ltd	China
Rural Energy Systems, Inc.	Delaware
Sara Lee Diversified, LLC	Delaware
Sara Lee Foods, LLC	Delaware
Sara Lee Household & Body Care Malawi Ltd.	Malawi
Sara Lee International LLC	Delaware
Sara Lee International TM Holdings LLC	Delaware
Sara Lee Mexicana Holdings Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Sara Lee TM Holdings LLC	Delaware
Sara Lee Trademark Holdings Australasia LLC	Delaware
Sara Lee-Kiwi Holdings, LLC	Delaware
Samar, L.L.C.	Delaware
Shandong Tyson-Da Long Food Company Limited	China
Southern Family Foods, L.L.C.	Delaware
Southwest Products, LLC	Delaware
Tecumseh Poultry LLC	Nebraska
Texas Transfer, Inc.	Texas
The Bruss Company	Illinois
The Hillshire Brands Company	Maryland
The IBP Foods Co.	Delaware
The Pork Group, Inc.	Delaware
TyNet Corporation	Delaware
Tyson (Shanghai) Enterprise Management Consulting Co. Ltd.	China
Tyson Americas Holding S�rl	Luxembourg
Tyson Breeders, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Chicken, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson China Holding 2 Limited	Hong Kong
Tyson China Holding 3 Limited	Hong Kong
Tyson China Holding Limited	Hong Kong
Tyson Deli, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Europe Holding Company	Nova Scotia
Tyson Farms, Inc.	North Carolina
Tyson Foods Canada Inc. (Les Aliments Tyson Canada Inc.)	Ontario
Tyson Foods East China Development Co., Ltd	China
Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Global Holding S�rl	Luxembourg
Tyson Hog Markets, Inc.	Delaware

Tyson India Holdings Ltd.	Mauritius
Tyson International Company, Ltd.	Bermuda
Tyson International Holding Company	Delaware
Tyson International Holding S��rl	Luxembourg
Tyson International Service Center, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson International Service Center, Inc. Asia	Delaware
Tyson International Service Center, Inc. Europe	Delaware
Tyson Mexican Original, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Mexico Trading Company S. de R.L. de CV.	Mexico
Tyson New Ventures, LLC	Delaware
Tyson of Wisconsin, LLC	Delaware
Tyson Pet Products, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Poultry, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Processing Services, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Refrigerated Processed Meats, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Sales and Distribution, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Service Center Corp.	Delaware
Tyson Shared Services, Inc.	Delaware
Tyson Warehousing Services, LLC	Delaware
Uninex SA	Uruguay
WBA Analytical Laboratories, Inc.	Delaware
Wilton Foods, Inc.	New York
Zemco Industries, Inc.	Delaware

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Nos. 333-186797, 333-115380, 333-115379 and 333-115378) and Form S-3 (No. 333-217775) of Tyson Foods, Inc. of our report dated November 13, 2018 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in this Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
November 13, 2018

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Noel White, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Tyson Foods, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 13, 2018

/s/ Noel White

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Noel White

President and Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Stewart Glendinning, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Tyson Foods, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 13, 2018

/s/ Stewart Glendinning

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Stewart Glendinning

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the accompanying Annual Report of Tyson Foods, Inc. (the Company) on Form 10-K for the period ended September 29, 2018 , as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), I, Noel White, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to the best of my knowledge, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Noel White

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Noel White

President and Chief Executive Officer

November 13, 2018

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the accompanying Annual Report of Tyson Foods, Inc. (the Company) on Form 10-K for the period ended September 29, 2018 , as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), I, Stewart Glendinning, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to the best of my knowledge, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Stewart Glendinning

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Stewart Glendinning

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

November 13, 2018